



da Vinci[®] Surgery for Prostate Cancer Fast Facts

da Vinci Surgery is a minimally invasive procedure used to remove the cancerous prostate. Removing the prostate is known as a prostatectomy. Robotic-assisted **da Vinci Surgery** enables your doctor to operate through a few tiny incisions with enhanced vision, precision, dexterity and control. Compared to open surgery, **da Vinci** offers men the following potential benefits:

- **Better Cancer Control**^{1,2,3,4}
- **Faster Return of Erectile (Sexual) Function**^{5,6}
- **Better Chance for Return of Urinary Continence**^{4,5,6}
- **Less blood loss**^{1,4,5,6,7,8,9,10}
- **Lower risk of complications**^{1,4,7,8,11}
- **Shorter hospital stay**^{1,4,5,6,8,12}
- **Faster recovery**¹⁰ and return to normal activities^{Error! Bookmark not defined.}

Compared to traditional laparoscopy, **da Vinci** offers men many potential benefits, including:

- More patients return to pre-surgery erectile function at 12-month checkup^{13,14}
- Faster return of urinary continence¹⁴
- Lower risk of complications¹
- Less blood loss and need for a transfusion^{1,8}
- Shorter hospital stay^{1,8}

Non-surgical Treatment for Prostate Cancer

When considering non-surgical treatments, here are a few facts to consider:

- In a 10 year study of patients undergoing either radiation, surgery, observation (active surveillance), or hormone therapy, patients who chose **surgery had the highest rate of survival**^{15,16}
- Patients with localized prostate cancer who chose surgery had the best chance for a cure compared to radiation and observation patients¹⁷
- The likelihood of radiation patients developing a secondary cancer within 10 years is 25% for EBRT and 15% after brachytherapy¹⁸
- In men who were potent prior to radiation treatment, sexual potency became worse over time after radiation^{19,20,21}
- Radiation can result in urinary and bowel problems that may linger for years^{19,20,21}
- If the prostate cancer returns, it can be difficult to treat in patients who had radiation²²

Statistics

- Prostate cancer is the **2nd most common cancer** in men worldwide²³
- **1 in 6 U.S. men** will be diagnosed with prostate cancer²⁴
- Prostate cancer is the **2nd leading cause of cancer death** in U.S. men²⁴
- When prostate cancer is caught early, there is a much **greater chance for a cure**²⁵
- According to AUA guidelines, **prostatectomy offers the best chance for a cure** for men with localized prostate cancer²⁶
- **4 out of 5 U.S. men** who choose to have a prostatectomy, choose **da Vinci Surgery**²⁷

da Vinci Surgery Patient Comment

"I healed and returned to work within two weeks. I have very little discomfort and have total confidence this was the best choice to eliminate the cancer."

- Markham Becker, da Vinci Prostatectomy Patient

While clinical studies support the effectiveness of the *da Vinci* Surgical System when used in minimally invasive surgery, individual results may vary. There are no guarantees of outcome. All surgeries involve the risk of major complications. **Before you decide on surgery, discuss treatment options with your doctor. Understanding the risks of each treatment can help you make the best decision for your individual situation.** Surgery with the *da Vinci* Surgical System may not be appropriate for every individual; it may not be applicable to your condition. Always ask your doctor about all treatment options, as well as their risks and benefits. Only your doctor can determine whether *da Vinci* Surgery is appropriate for your situation. The clinical information and opinions, including any inaccuracies expressed in this material by patients or doctor about *da Vinci* Surgery are not necessarily those of Intuitive Surgical, Inc. and should not be considered as substitute for medical advice provided by your doctor. © 2012 Intuitive Surgical. All rights reserved. *Intuitive, Intuitive Surgical, da Vinci, da Vinci S, da Vinci Si, Single-Site, InSite, TilePro* and *EndoWrist* are trademarks or registered trademarks of Intuitive Surgical. All other product names are trademarks or registered trademarks of their respective holders. PN 870443 Rev D 12/12

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