

The Enabling Technology:

da Vinci Surgical System

The *da Vinci* Surgical System is designed to provide surgeons with enhanced capabilities, including high-definition 3D vision and a magnified view.

Though it is often called a "robot," *da Vinci* cannot act on its own. The surgery is performed entirely by your doctor. He or she controls the *da Vinci* System, which translates all hand movements into smaller, more precise movements of tiny instruments inside your body.



Together, *da Vinci* technology allows your doctor to perform complex procedures through just a few tiny openings. As a result, you may be able to get back to life faster without the usual recovery following major surgery.

The *da Vinci* System has been used successfully at Barton Memorial Hospital and worldwide in hundreds of thousands of procedures to date.



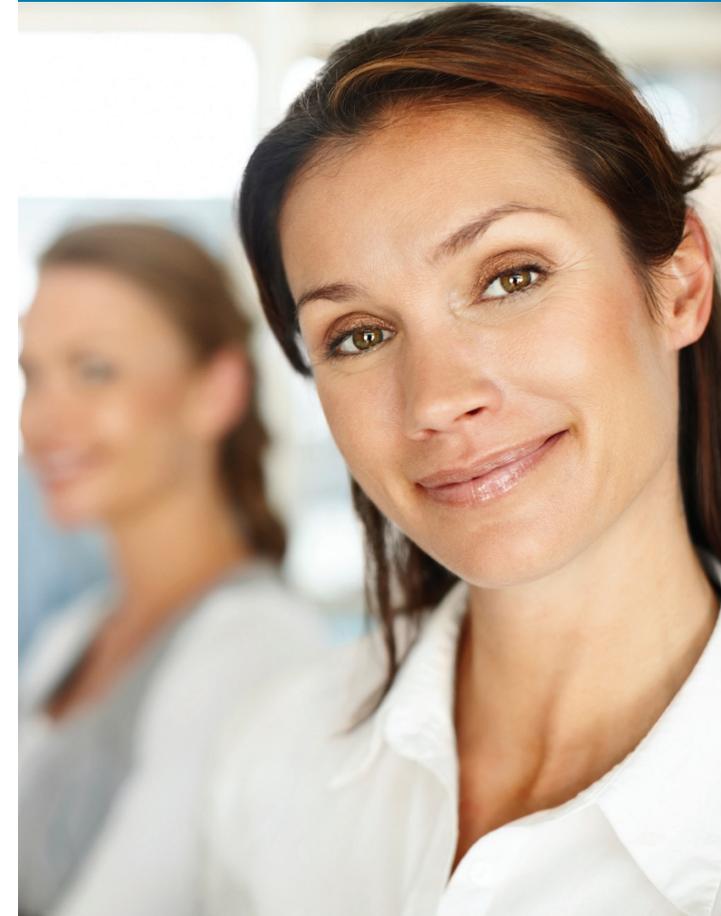
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All surgeries, including *da Vinci* Surgery, involve risk of major complications. Before you decide on surgery, discuss treatment options with your doctor. Understanding the risks of each treatment can help you make the best decision for your individual situation.

Considering Surgery for Uterine Fibroids?

Learn why ***da Vinci***[®] ***Surgery***
may be your best treatment
option for a you.

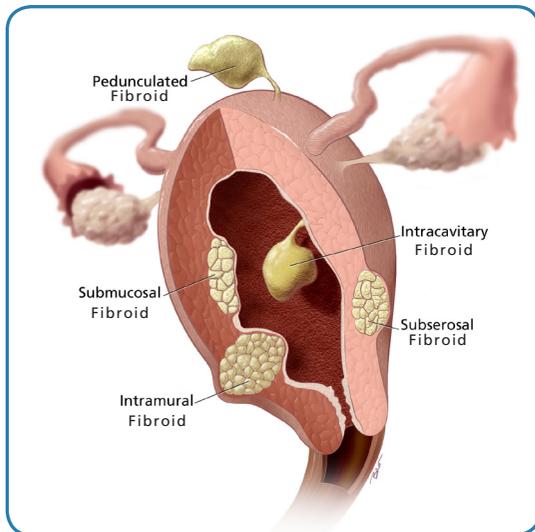


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SURGICAL SYSTEM

Conditions: Uterine Fibroids

A uterine fibroid is a common type of benign (non-cancerous) tumor that can grow within the uterine wall, inside and also outside the uterus. Uterine fibroids are most common in women ages 30 to 40, but can occur at any age. An estimated 20 to 80% of women develop fibroids by age 50. Uterine fibroids are the most common reason a hysterectomy is performed.

Uterine fibroids may grow as a single tumor or in clusters. They often increase in size and frequency with age, but may shrink after menopause. Not all women experience symptoms due to fibroids. When symptoms are present, they may include: excessive menstrual bleeding, pelvic pain, frequent urination and difficulty getting pregnant.



Uterus with fibroid tumors

The Treatment Myomectomy

Myomectomy is a common alternative to hysterectomy for treating fibroids. Myomectomy is the surgical removal of fibroid tumors while leaving the uterus in place. Myomectomy is often recommended and considered the standard of care for women who want to become pregnant or keep their uterus for other reasons.

Myomectomy is often performed using traditional open surgery, meaning a large incision is made in the lower abdomen. After removing each fibroid, the surgeon repairs the uterus to minimize potential bleeding, infection and scarring. Proper repair of the uterus is critical to reducing the risk of uterine rupture (tearing) during pregnancy.

Uterine fibroid embolization is a newer, non-invasive treatment in which blood vessels to the uterus are blocked. This stops the blood flow that allows fibroids to grow. Possible side effects include bleeding, infection and difficult getting pregnant.

Laparoscopic myomectomy is another minimally invasive alternative to open surgery but is usually not an option for women with large, multiple, or difficult-to-reach fibroids.

A recent clinical study concluded that *da Vinci* Myomectomy may allow more surgeons to provide more women a minimally invasive treatment for fibroids.

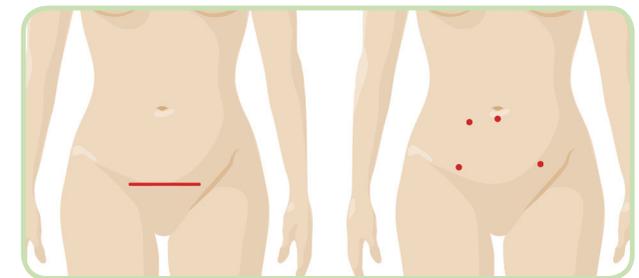
da Vinci Myomectomy: A Less Invasive Surgical Procedure

If your doctor recommends surgery to treat uterine fibroids, you may be a candidate for *da Vinci* Myomectomy - a minimally invasive, uterine-sparing procedure. Using state-of-the-art technology, *da Vinci* Myomectomy requires only a few tiny incisions so you can get back to your life faster. *da Vinci* enables surgeons to perform this delicate operation with superior vision, precision, dexterity and control.

da Vinci Myomectomy offers many potential benefits over traditional surgery, including:

- › Significantly less pain
- › Less blood loss
- › Minimally invasive option for removing large, numerous, hard-to-reach fibroids
- › Fewer complications and risk of infection
- › Shorter hospital stay
- › Faster recovery and return to normal activities
- › Tiny incisions for excellent cosmetic results

As with any surgery, these benefits cannot be guaranteed, as surgery is unique to each patient and procedure.



Open Surgery
Incision

da Vinci
Myomectomy Incisions

*Your surgeon may require additional incisions to complete your surgery.