

## da Vinci Surgery – Robotics

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The da Vinci Robotic Surgical System is available thru North Florida Obstetrics and Gynecology Associates, PA. We have a number of physicians who have been certified by Intuitive Surgical to provide this latest technology to our patients. This specialized surgical technique is available at St. Vincent's, Baptist Downtown, Baptist South, Memorial and Orange Park Medical Centers.

The purpose of robotic technology is to convert open cases to a minimally invasive one. However, if procedures can be performed by conventional laparoscopy without the robot then it may not be cost-effective to use this added technology.

The “robot” allows the physician the ability to offer patients a surgical approach utilizing high-definition 3D vision with magnification of the surgical field. This, in turn, may mean that major surgical procedures can be performed thru small laparoscopy incisions on the abdomen.

There are numerous benefits of laparoscopic procedures over traditional open surgery. Some of these include less blood loss, less pain, shorter hospital stay and quicker return to normal activities. The da Vinci Robotic Surgical System can be used for a number these gynecological surgical procedures to include hysterectomy, myomectomy, adnexectomy, prolapsed vaginal vault repair and tubal reanastomosis. Many surgeons believe they can achieve the same end results with conventional laparoscopy. The patient should discuss their options with their doctor.

If a patient has an interest in this specific technology, she can find a surgeon by using the surgeon locator at [www.daVincihysterectomy.com](http://www.daVincihysterectomy.com). She can place zip code in the locator box and press the send button. A list of Intuitive Surgical da Vinci Robotic certified physicians in her surrounding area would be listed. This list includes all of the currently certified North Florida OB/Gyn Associates.

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