

### Prostate cancer : Robotic Prostatectomy



#### **The Surgical Treatment: Radical Prostatectomy**

One of the most common treatments for prostate cancer involves the surgical removal of the prostate gland, known as radical prostatectomy. Traditional radical prostatectomy requires a large, 8-10 inch incision. This open surgery commonly results in substantial blood loss, a lengthy and uncomfortable recovery and the risk of impotence and incontinence.

#### **da Vinci Prostatectomy: A Less Invasive Surgical Procedure**

If your doctor recommends surgery to treat your prostate cancer, you may be a candidate for a new, less-invasive surgical procedure called da Vinci Prostatectomy. This procedure incorporates a state-of-the-art surgical system that helps your surgeon see vital anatomical structures more clearly and to perform a more precise surgical procedure.

For most patients, da Vinci Prostatectomy offers numerous potential benefits over open prostatectomy including:

- 1) Shorter hospital stay
- 2) Less pain
- 3) Less risk of infection
- 4) Less blood loss and transfusions

5) Less scarring

6) Faster recovery

7) Quicker return to normal activities

As with any surgical procedure, these benefits cannot be guaranteed as surgery is both patient and procedure specific.

