

News Release

Dameron Hospital acquires new state-of-the-art robotic surgical system

July 7, 2020 (Stockton, CA) – Dameron Hospital has just acquired the latest da Vinci Xi Robotic Surgical System from Intuitive Surgical, Inc. The da Vinci Surgical System brings the most advanced robotic and computer technology to surgeons and patients in the area.

Minimally invasive surgery is now possible in a manner never before experienced at Dameron. With the surgeon sitting at a console just a few feet from the patient, the da Vinci System translates the surgeon's hand movements into corresponding micro-movements of the surgical instruments. This system enables physicians to perform delicate and complex operations through tiny incisions with enhanced precision, dexterity and control, with the benefit of a high-definition, three-dimensional vision system.

“Even during these challenging times, we believe this was an important investment into our community that will give patients access to the highest levels of surgical excellence right here in Stockton,” said Dameron Hospital Board President Bill Trezza. “Increasing healthcare systems’ overall capabilities and capacity to care for patients in our community is something that our board is passionate about. Bringing Dameron online with robotic surgery was the right thing to do during this time of extraordinary community need.”

Although the da Vinci is referred to as “robotic” surgery, the system is not autonomous. The robot does not perform surgery, and the surgeon is in complete control of the instruments at all times.

“This new system is the latest generation of the da Vinci System and is the most advanced robotic surgery system now available in Stockton,” says Tarig Samarkandy, MD, a Stockton general surgeon who is a fellowship-trained expert in robotic surgery and director of Dameron’s Bariatric Surgery Program. “It enhances our ability to perform minimally invasive procedures on a broader range of patients with different surgical needs. From the patient’s perspective, receiving a minimally invasive procedure results in less post-surgical pain and blood loss, a shorter hospital stay, quicker recovery and faster return to normal daily activities. Our new surgical capabilities at Dameron deliver a real benefit to our community and will enhance the quality of patients’ lives.”

“The addition of the da Vinci System to Dameron Hospital is one component of our strategic plan to make a positive impact on the health of those who live in San Joaquin County and the surrounding areas” says Daniel Wolcott, President of Dameron Hospital and Adventist Health Lodi Memorial Hospital. “We understand the many benefits this will have on our patients’ lives because we have been using this same system at Lodi Memorial for the past five years and the results have been excellent. It also provides an attractive option for surgeons with a preference for robotic surgery and this may help us attract more medical expertise to the area. We believe that improving access to excellent care in our community is one of the ways we are fulfilling our mission of living God’s love by inspiring health, wholeness and hope.”

About Dameron Hospital

Dameron Hospital is a fully accredited, non-profit, 202-bed community hospital providing acute and tertiary level care to San Joaquin County residents. Its commitment to providing the highest quality care has earned Dameron Hospital various state and national recognitions, as well as numerous awards and accolades. The hospital has also been designated by Blue Shield of California as a Blue Distinction® Center for Bariatric Surgery and for Knee and Hip Replacements as part of the Blue Distinction® Centers for Specialty Care program. In addition to being a top-rated joint replacement center in the Stockton area, and the county's leading orthopedic hospital, Dameron has also been recognized as a Top Performer for its Quality Metrics by The Joint Commission. Dameron services include cardiology and cardiac surgery, orthopedics, bariatric surgery, as well as general acute care, emergency, and intensive care services. Dameron also provides primary care at its on-site Ambulatory Care Center. For more information, visit www.dameronhospital.org.

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