



da Vinci[®] Myomectomy

Changing the Experience of Surgery

Are you a candidate
for the latest treatment
option for uterine fibroids?

Your doctor may be able to
offer you a new, minimally invasive
surgical procedure.

Your doctor is one of a growing number of surgeons providing leading-edge treatments such as *da Vinci*® Myomectomy.

da Vinci Myomectomy is setting a new standard for the surgical treatment of uterine fibroids.

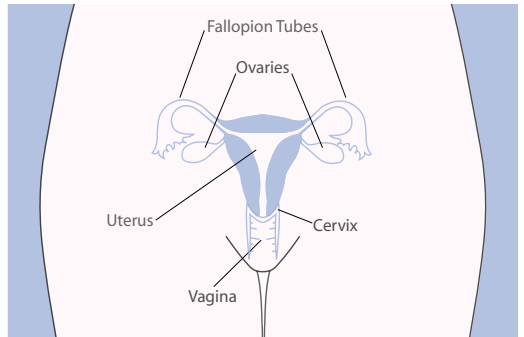
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The Condition: Uterine Fibroids

A uterine fibroid is a common type of benign (non-cancerous) tumor that develops within the uterine wall. Uterine fibroids occur in up to one third of all women and are the leading reason for hysterectomy (removal of the uterus) in the United States. One in five women older than 35 years has a uterine fibroid. An estimated 600,000 hysterectomies are performed in the United States annually, and at least one third are for fibroids.

Uterine fibroids may grow as a single tumor or in clusters. They often increase in size and frequency with age, but then revert in size after menopause. While not all women with fibroids experience symptoms, symptoms may include excessive menstrual bleeding, pelvic pain and infertility.

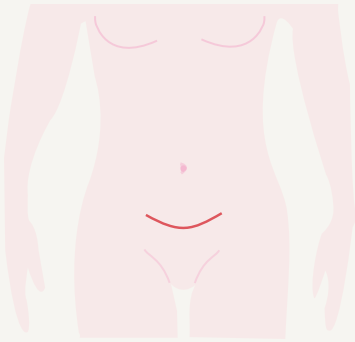


A recent clinical study concluded that *da Vinci* Myomectomy may overcome many of the challenges surgeons face when using a minimally invasive approach to remove uterine fibroids.*

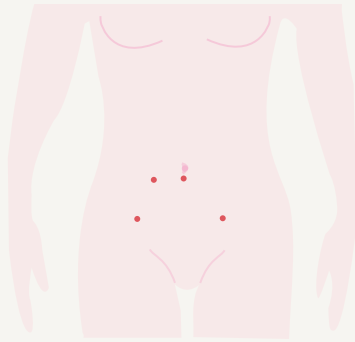


The Treatment: Myomectomy

A common alternative to hysterectomy is myomectomy — or surgical removal of uterine fibroids. This procedure preserves the uterus, and may be recommended for women who could become pregnant. Myomectomy is often performed through a large abdominal incision. After removing each fibroid, the surgeon carefully repairs the uterus, to minimize potential bleeding, infection and scarring. Proper repair of the uterus is critical to reducing the risk of uterine rupture during pregnancy.



Open Myomectomy Incision



da Vinci Myomectomy Incisions

da Vinci® Myomectomy: A Less Invasive Surgical Procedure

If your doctor recommends surgical treatment, you may be a candidate for a new, less invasive surgical procedure called *da Vinci* Myomectomy. This procedure uses a state-of-the-art surgical system designed to help your surgeon perform a more precise, minimally invasive procedure designed to preserve the uterus. For most women, *da Vinci* Myomectomy offers numerous potential benefits over traditional surgical approaches, including:

- > Shorter hospital stay
- > Less pain
- > Less risk of wound infection
- > Less blood loss and need for blood transfusions
- > Less scarring
- > Faster recovery and quicker return to normal activities
- > Uterine preservation

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



The Enabling Technology: *da Vinci*® Surgical System

The *da Vinci* Surgical System is powered by state-of-the-art robotic technology. The System allows your surgeon's hand movements to be scaled, filtered and translated into precise movements of micro-instruments within the operative site.

The *da Vinci* System enhances surgical capabilities by enabling the performance of complex surgeries through tiny surgical openings. The System cannot be programmed, nor can it make decisions on its own. The *da Vinci* System requires that every surgical maneuver be performed with direct input from your surgeon.

The *da Vinci* Surgical System has been successfully used in tens of thousands of minimally invasive procedures worldwide.

**Referenced study available upon request.*



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While clinical studies support the use of the *da Vinci* System as an effective tool for minimally invasive surgery, individual outcomes may vary. Ask your doctor about whether *da Vinci* Myomectomy may be an appropriate treatment for your medical condition.