Important Information for Patients:
Serious complications may occur in any surgery, including da Vinci® Surgery, up to and including death. Risks include, but are not limited to, injury to tissues and organs and conversion to other surgical techniques. If your doctor needs to convert the surgery to another surgical technique, this could result in a longer operative time, additional time under anesthesia, additional or larger incisions and/or increased complications. Individual surgical results may vary. Patients who are not candidates for non-robotic minimally invasive surgery are also not candidates for da Vinci Surgery. Patients should talk to their doctor to decide if da Vinci Surgery is right for them. Patients and doctors should review all available information on non-surgical and surgical options in order to make an informed decision. Please also refer to www.daVinciSurgery.com/Safety for Important Safety Information.

Your doctor is one of a growing number of surgeons worldwide offering da Vinci® Surgery.

For more information and to find a da Vinci surgeon near you, visit: www.daVinciSurgery.com

A ventral hernia is located in the abdomen and may appear at an incision site any time after surgery (incisional hernia). An inguinal hernia occurs in the groin area. Your doctor may suggest lifestyle changes to ease your symptoms, but surgery is often the only way to truly repair a hernia. If a child has a ventral hernia that does not heal on its own by age 5, his/her doctor may suggest surgery.

During hernia repair surgery, an incision (cut) is made near the site of the hernia. The hernia is often repaired with mesh by stitching, stapling or clipping it to the muscle around the hernia site. The hernia site can also be sewn directly together.

Hernia repair can be done using open surgery or minimally invasive surgery.

**Open Surgery:** With open surgery, an incision is made in your abdomen which must be large enough for your surgeon's hands and instruments to fit inside your body to reach your organs.

**Minimally Invasive Surgery:** Minimally invasive surgery is also known as laparoscopy. It is done through a few small incisions using long, thin instruments and a tiny camera. The camera sends images to a video screen in the operating room to guide doctors during surgery.

**da Vinci Surgery:**

**A Minimally Invasive Surgery Option**

*da Vinci* Surgery is another minimally invasive option for adult patients facing abdominal hernia surgery. Your surgeon sits next to you at a state-of-the-art console and operates through a few tiny incisions with:

- A 3D high-definition view inside your body for a crystal clear & magnified look at your hernia.
- Tiny instruments that bend & rotate far greater than the human hand. Your surgeon can reach tissues from many angles to repair the hernia with precision.
- Enhanced control of instruments that greatly reduce hand tremors.

The surgeon is **100% in control** of the system, which translates his or her hand movements into smaller, precise movements of tiny instruments inside your body. You are surrounded by a medical team that monitors you during the entire operation.

**Early clinical data suggests:**

*da Vinci* Ventral Hernia Surgery offers the following potential benefits:

- Low rate of surgeon switching to open surgery
- Low rate of the hernia returning
- Short hospital stay

The *da Vinci* System has brought minimally invasive surgery to more than 3 million patients worldwide.

**Risks & Considerations Related to Hernia Repair (ventral, incisional, umbilical, inguinal):** recurrence, bowel injury, infection of mesh, urinary retention. For inguinal hernia repair: testicular injury.