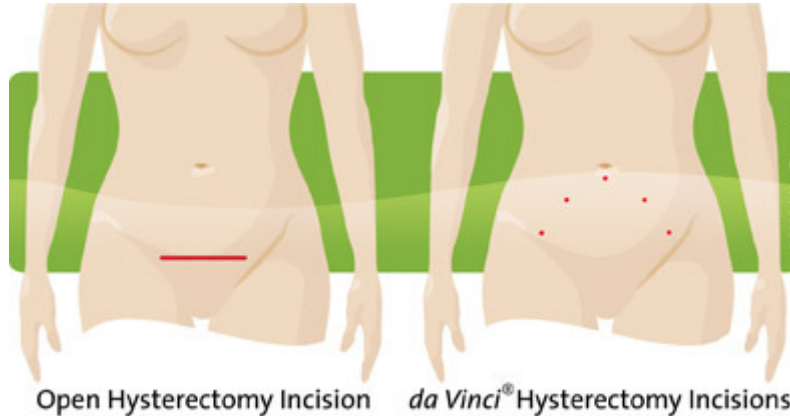


## Hysterectomy with the da Vinci High Definition Robotic System

If your doctor recommends hysterectomy, you may be a candidate for *da Vinci* Hysterectomy, one of the most effective, least invasive treatment options for a range of uterine conditions. *da Vinci* Hysterectomy is performed using the *da Vinci*<sup>TM</sup> Surgical System, which enables surgeons to perform with unmatched precision and control – using only a few small incisions.



*da Vinci* Hysterectomy offers numerous potential benefits over traditional approaches to vaginal, laparoscopic or open abdominal hysterectomy, particularly when performing more challenging procedures like radical hysterectomy for gynecologic cancer. Potential benefits include:

- Significantly less pain
- Less blood loss
- Fewer complications
- Less scarring
- A shorter hospital stay
- A faster return to normal daily activities

Moreover, *da Vinci* provides the surgeon with a superior surgical tool for dissection and removal of lymph nodes during cancer operations, as compared to traditional open or minimally invasive approaches. *da Vinci* Hysterectomy also allows your surgeon better visualization of anatomy, which is especially critical when working around delicate and confined structures like the bladder. This means that surgeons have a distinct advantage when performing a complex, radical hysterectomy involving adhesions from prior pelvic surgery or non-localized cancer, or an abdominal hysterectomy.

As with any surgery, these benefits cannot be guaranteed, as surgery is both patient- and procedure-specific. While radical hysterectomy or abdominal hysterectomy performed using the *da Vinci* Surgical System are considered safe and effective, these procedures may not be appropriate for every individual. Always ask your doctor about all treatment options, as well as their risks and benefits.

*Source: da Vinci Surgery*

