

Gynaecological **Robotic** Surgery

We are offering you robotic surgery for your gynaecological cancer and it is important you understand what this means.

What is robotically assisted surgery?

Robotic surgery, also called robot-assisted surgery, allows your surgeon to perform many types of complex procedures with more precision, flexibility and control than is possible with conventional techniques.

Robotic surgery is minimally invasive surgery - a procedure performed through small openings in the skin. Ports (small tubes which will guide the surgical instruments) are inserted into the small openings of your abdominal wall. The robotic surgical system includes one camera arm and three mechanical arms with surgical instruments attached to them. These instruments will be inserted into the ports. Two scrubbed/sterile assistants will always be available at the operating table during the operation. The surgeon controls these arms while they are sitting at a computer console near the operating table. The console gives the surgeon a high-definition, magnified, 3D view of the surgical site. The surgeon leads other team members who help during the operation.

Why am I being offered robotic surgery?

The robotic system enhances the precision, flexibility and control during your operation and allows your surgeon to better see the site of the operation, compared with traditional techniques. Using robotic surgery, surgeons can perform delicate and complex procedures that may be difficult with conventional techniques or that may normally require an open type of operation. Often, robotic surgery makes minimally invasive surgery possible. Lastly, a robotic approach can be a particular advantage in women who have a BMI greater than 30.

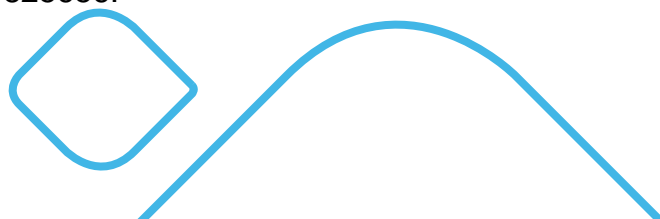
Are there other options?

Robotic surgery isn't an option for everyone. Talk with your surgeon about the benefits and risks of robotic surgery and how it compares with other techniques, such as other types of minimally invasive surgery and conventional open or vaginal surgery.

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