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ADVANCEMENTS IN TECHNOLOGY, MAKING LIVES BETTER EVERY DAY

hen medication and other non-surgical treatments are either unavailable or cannot relieve symptoms, surgery is often the last resort in one's treatment plan. We are fortunate that with the advancement of technology there are alternatives. Some procedures can be performed with robotic equipment that will reduce effects of a traditional open surgery. The **da Vinci Si Surgical System** allows surgeons to perform minimally invasive surgeries allowing even the most complex and delicate procedures to be completed through small incisions with unmatched precision and accuracy.

With funds donated by the community, The Chester County Hospital purchased the da Vinci Si Surgical System. Since September 2011, more than 30 surgeries have been successfully performed – all with positive outcomes. Currently, the da Vinci is being used to treat a broad range of urologic and gynecologic conditions at the Hospital, with the plan to expand its scope of services in the future.

By using the da Vinci, a surgery is performed through the smallest of incisions, offering definitive treatment with potentially significant less pain, less risk of infection, less scarring and a shorter hospital stay, allowing patients to return to normal daily activities more quickly. The da Vinci provides the surgeon with a magnified, high-resolution 3-dimensional image of the surgical site, allowing for greater surgical precision, an increased range of motion, improved dexterity, enhanced visualization and improved access during surgery.

Melissa L. Delaney, DO, board-certified Osteopathic Obstetrician and Gynecologist, performs hysterectomies and myomectomies with the da Vinci. Regarding the da Vinci, Dr. Delaney states, "Patients are seeking me out to perform their surgery with the da Vinci. With the da Vinci, my hands have 540 degrees of rotation and are miniaturized to get down to vital blood vessels and tissues. The da Vinci increases my abilities as a surgeon to manage cases that would almost certainly have been done with a large laparotomy scar. I still can't get over how good my patients look by two weeks when I see them in my office and how little pain meds they use post op. Almost all my patients either stop narcotics by day three at home or do not use any at all after they leave the hospital."

Gynecologist Oncologist Waleed S.W. Shalaby, MD, PhD, uses the da Vinci to perform procedures on patients with gynecologic cancer, including hysterectomies, myomectomies and bowel resections. Dr. Shalaby states, "Robotic surgery has changed the way gynecologists practice. The da Vinci provides surgeons with amazing exposure and dexterity allowing us to perform more complex procedures. We are seeing patients going home the next day, and they are back to normal in 2–3 weeks, compared to the previous 3–5 days in the Hospital and 4–6 week recovery period."

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The Chester County Hospital continues its dedication to providing the highest level and quality of care to its patients. Using the most advanced and state-of-theart equipment and technology in the treatment of its patients helps towards this goal.

Please consider making a donation to The Chester County Hospital Foundation to support The Chester County Hospital, the only remaining non-profit and independent community hospital in the County. Your support will help us continue the quality care and services offered to our community. *If you have already made your donation this fiscal year, thank you for your support!*

To learn more about the da Vinci Si Surgical System and how it is being used at The Chester County Hospital, please visit www.ChesterCountyHospital.org.

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