

## **Intuitive donates early version of its da Vinci surgical system to Royal College of Surgeons of England**

The Royal College of Surgeons of England (RCS England) has unveiled a da Vinci Si robotic-assisted surgical system in the College's newly transformed headquarters, donated by Intuitive.

Surgeons around the world have used da Vinci surgical systems to perform more than 10 million procedures across multiple specialties, and an example of the third generation Si system is now on display in RCS England's London base.

Visitors to RCS England will be able to see the da Vinci Si surgical system, which was unveiled by Professor Neil Mortensen, President of the RCS England, in their main atrium as a showcase of the early adoption of robotic-assisted surgery in England and a look to the College's vision for the future of surgery.

"We are honoured that the Royal College of Surgeons of England is displaying an early version of our da Vinci technology," said David Marante, regional director of Intuitive, UK and Ireland.

"Intuitive has been developing thoughtful and innovative technology for more than 25 years, and we've only scratched the surface of what's possible in minimally invasive care.

"We look forward to continuing our close collaboration with the College as it implements its vision of the future of surgery in England and supports the training of the next generation of robotic-assisted surgeons."

Professor Neil Mortensen, President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, said:

"Our new HQ is visited by the best and brightest surgeons from around the world. They come to teach, to study and to exchange ideas. Surgeons are famously enthusiastic about innovation. We are early adopters of technology and always curious about how new techniques can enhance and support surgical care to improve outcomes for their patients. So I am delighted to welcome a da Vinci system to our fantastic new building, to prompt discussion and debate on the future of surgery."

The first procedure using a da Vinci surgical system in the UK was performed in 2000. More than two decades later, around 89 percent of patients undergoing a radical prostatectomy in England have it done robotically.<sup>1</sup>

Intuitive was supported by the Intuitive Foundation, a charitable organisation, dedicated to reducing the global burden of disease and suffering through philanthropy, research, and education aimed at better outcomes for patients everywhere, to make the donation to RCS England.

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### About Intuitive

Intuitive (Nasdaq: ISRG), headquartered in Sunnyvale, California, with UK and Ireland headquarters in Oxford, UK, is a global leader in minimally invasive care and the pioneer of robotic surgery. Our groundbreaking technologies include the da Vinci surgical system and the Ion endoluminal system. Digital intelligence allows us to unite our advanced systems, progressive learning, and value-enhancing services to help physicians and their teams optimize care delivery to support the best outcomes possible. At Intuitive, we envision a future of care that is less invasive and profoundly better, where diseases are identified early and treated quickly, so patients can get back to what matters most. For more information, please visit: <https://www.intuitive.com/en-gb>

### About robotic-assisted surgery

Robotic-assisted surgery is a form of minimally-invasive surgery in which surgeons use robotic-assisted surgical systems to perform delicate and complex operations through a few small incisions, using instruments attached to the arms of the surgical system. Surgeons have total control of the system's movements.

By providing surgeons with enhanced visualisation, dexterity, precision and ergonomics, da Vinci robotic-assisted surgical systems help surgeons to perform minimally invasive procedures across a range of surgical specialties, including urology, gynaecology, colorectal, thoracic, and abdominal or general surgery.

Medical devices, CE 2460, refer to Instructions For Use for further information.

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