

Intuitive becomes largest robotic-assisted surgery provider to be accredited by Royal College of Surgeons of England

OXFORD, UK, 19 October 2022—Today, Intuitive announced that it has become the largest provider of robotic-assisted surgical technology training to be accredited by The Royal College of Surgeons of England (RCS England).

The accreditation, which has been awarded to Intuitive across its entire global education portfolio, is an award of excellence from RCS England in recognition of outstanding surgery-related education and is an internationally recognised hallmark of quality.

Intuitive is the pioneer of robotic-assisted surgery and provides technology training to surgeons and theatre teams on its da Vinci Surgical Systems. To date, Intuitive has provided technology training to more than 60,000 surgeons worldwide.

The Royal College of Surgeons of England is a world leader of surgical education and provides quality assurance for any surgical training run both in the UK and globally. The accreditation process is a review of the entire surgical education provider, its facilities, resources, and educational portfolio, and is only awarded where there is a clear demonstration of excellence in each of these components.

“We are proud that the Royal College of Surgeons of England has recognised Intuitive for the quality of our robotic surgery training and education, which combines technology and skills training with peer-to-peer learning. Achieving and maintaining a high standard of training is critical to realizing the benefits of robotic-assisted surgery for hospitals, surgeons, and patients,” said Dr Gillian Duncan, Intuitive’s Senior Vice President of Professional Education.

“Intuitive is committed to providing technology training and education to surgeons and their teams. With nearly 30 years of experience in bringing robotic-assisted surgical systems and innovative technology to healthcare providers across the globe, we understand the vital role that training plays in any successful robotics programme,” said Duncan.

Professor Neil Mortensen, President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, said: “There have been huge advances in robotic surgical devices in recent years. Surgeons up and down the country use them to assist in urological, colorectal, thoracic, and an increasing range of other surgeries. Using robotic systems can provide great accuracy and dexterity in an operation, reduce a patient’s risks of complications, their stay in hospital and speed up their recovery. However, in order to carry out robotic surgery, surgeons need to undergo expert training. This is why we are delighted to have been able to accredit Intuitive’s robotic-assisted surgical technology training, which enables surgeons around the world to learn the latest techniques in robotic-assisted surgery.”

Miss Nuha Yassin, Consultant Colorectal Surgeon and Colorectal Robotic Lead at The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust, Council Member of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, said “This accreditation gives assurance to the surgical community and to patients that training on this technology

is being provided in a safe and standardised approach globally and will ensure that surgeons and their teams have confidence in their ability to use the tool, which is vital as new technology is adopted.

“Robotic-assisted surgery allows surgeons to perform procedures using a minimally invasive approach and reduces conversion rates and overall morbidity. There are great benefits to the patients as well as the surgical teams. It would be great if surgeons can use technology to its full potential and expand on the surgical indications keeping patients with all conditions at the centre of what we do,” said Yassin.

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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.

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