

# Evidence Navigator: Hysterectomy For Cervical Cancer

Systematic literature review summary  
as of December 31, 2022

# Purpose

The Evidence Navigator is a slide presentation representing a summary of the meta-analysis of the highest level of evidence available specific to a given procedure and published as of a particular date. It is created by the Global Evidence Management team within Global Access, Value and Economics (GAVE). It includes information that is available in the public domain. It is a systematic review and meta-analysis of the peer-reviewed literature based on a timeframe within which a literature search has been conducted according to a set of concise inclusion and exclusion criteria. The results of the meta-analysis are presented in the form of forest plots summarized for each outcome according to a comparator and surgical approach of interest. The summary results are reflective of a specific period in time and are subject to change with increasing literature. All of the robotic-assisted surgery procedures mentioned within the Evidence Navigator were performed using a da Vinci surgical system.

# Statistical analysis

All summary measures are shown as odds ratios, risk ratios or risk differences when describing binary outcomes, or as weighted mean differences or standardized mean differences when describing continuous outcomes. Weighting is based on the study sample size and variability of the outcome. A random effect model is used if heterogeneity is statistically significant, otherwise a fixed effect model is used. The Mantel Haenszel summary statistic is used for the overall results. The meta-analysis is performed with RevMan 5.4 (Review Manager, Version 5.4. Copenhagen: The Nordic Cochrane Centre, The Cochrane Collaboration, 2014) or R software (R Foundation for Statistical Computing, Vienna, Austria. URL <https://www.R-project.org/>).

## Interpretation notes

When the effect size is measured as a standardized mean difference (SMD), or a risk difference (RD), it is not possible to provide a quantitative conclusion. In such cases, a qualitative conclusion is given with reference to its statistical significance. In some instances, studies may contain some overlapping patient populations. A redundancy check is performed in order to minimize this overlap and bias due to over-reporting.

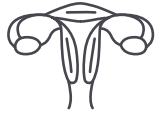
# Glossary

<b>RAS</b>	robotic-assisted surgery
<b>Lap</b>	laparoscopic surgery
<b>LOE</b>	level of evidence
<b>HTA</b>	health technology assessment
<b>RCT</b>	randomized controlled trial
<b>OR</b>	odds ratio
<b>MD</b>	mean difference
<b>LNY</b>	lymph node yield
<b>LVSI</b>	lymphovascular space invasion

<b>WMD</b>	weighted mean difference
<b>RD</b>	risk difference
<b>SMD</b>	standardized mean difference
<b>95% CI</b>	95% confidence interval
<b>I<sup>2</sup></b>	test statistic for heterogeneity
<b>EBL</b>	estimated blood loss
<b>LOS</b>	length of hospital stay
<b>PSM</b>	positive surgical margins

# Evidence Navigator: Hysterectomy for cervical cancer Summary Slides

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WHAT DOES THE LITERATURE SHOW?

# Systematic literature review: Hysterectomy for cervical cancer — clinical outcomes

## Inclusion criteria

Robotic-assisted hysterectomy for cervical cancer performed with a da Vinci surgical system

January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2022

Level of Evidence = 1b, 2b, 2c

RCT, prospective cohort studies, or large database study (with  $n \geq 20$  in each cohort)

## Exclusion criteria

Not in English

Paper on a pediatric population

Publication is a HTA not published in a peer-reviewed journal

Alternate technique/approach

No stratified analysis by study arm

Hysterectomy data mixed with other procedure(s)

Original research study does not provide quantitative results

Original research publication includes redundant patient population and similar conclusions

## 18 publications including



Robotic-assisted patients: **19,059**

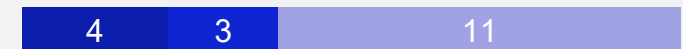


Laparoscopic patients: **6,681**



Open patients: **56,893**

## Level of evidence

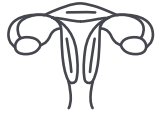


■ 1b - RCTs

■ 2b - Prospective cohort studies

■ 2c - Database studies

Data collected through: December 31, 2022



WHAT DOES THE LITERATURE SHOW?

## Systematic literature review key points: Robotic-assisted vs. laparoscopic hysterectomy for cervical cancer



### Favors robotic-assisted

↓ Conversions by **65%**



### Comparable outcomes

- ≈ Operative time
- ≈ Estimated blood loss
- ≈ Blood transfusions
- ≈ Lymph node yield
- ≈ Positive lymphovascular space invasion
- ≈ Positive surgical margins
- ≈ Intraoperative complications
- ≈ Length of stay
- ≈ 30-day postoperative complications
- ≈ 30-day mortality



### Favors laparoscopic

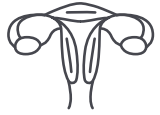
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Data collected through: December 31, 2022

■ Significant difference favoring  
robotic-assisted surgery

■ No significant difference;  
comparable outcomes

■ Significant difference favoring  
laparoscopic surgery



WHAT DOES THE LITERATURE SHOW?

## Systematic literature review key points: Robotic-assisted vs. open hysterectomy for cervical cancer



### Favors robotic-assisted

- ↓ Estimated blood loss by **286 mL**
- ↓ Blood transfusions by **92%**
- ↓ Length of stay by **2 days**
- ↓ 30-day postoperative complication by **25%**



### Comparable outcomes

- ≈ Operative time
- ≈ Lymph node yield
- ≈ Positive lymphovascular space invasion
- ≈ Positive surgical margins
- ≈ Intraoperative complications
- ≈ 30-day mortality



### Favors open

None

Data collected through: December 31, 2022

■ Significant difference favoring  
robotic-assisted surgery

■ No significant difference;  
comparable outcomes

■ Significant difference favoring  
open surgery



# Evidence Navigator: Hysterectomy for cervical cancer Technical Slides

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# Hysterectomy for Cervical Cancer: literature search methods as of December 31, 2022

Monthly searches were conducted in PubMed, Scopus and Embase.

All citations were exported into a reference management system. Duplications were removed. Titles, abstracts and keywords were reviewed for literature review inclusion by Global Evidence Management team.

All robotic-assisted hysterectomies performed with da Vinci® surgical systems. Publications were identified according to inclusion and exclusion criteria described.

Meta-analysis was performed using RevMan or R software.

## 18 cervical cancer publications

19,059 patients who underwent RAS

6,681 patients who underwent laparoscopic surgery

56,893 patients who underwent open surgery

### Level of evidence



Criteria phase	Details
Identification phase	Unique records identified from PubMed, Scopus, Embase search N=9,440 to December 31, 2022
Inclusion criteria	
1. Robotic-assisted hysterectomy (radical, total, simple) with or without salpingectomy, oophorectomy, and lymphadenectomy for cancer or other gynecologic oncology procedure	N=2,626 (excluded N=6,814)
2. Year≥2010	N=2,623 (excluded N=3)
3. LOE=1b, 2b, 2c	N=253 (excluded N=2,370)
4. Study is an RCT, prospective study or large database study with comparative cohorts (robotic-assisted vs lap and/or open surgery) and sample size N≥20	N=231 (excluded N=22)
Exclusion criteria	N=179 excluded publications:
1. Not in English	N=1 (EC#1)
2. Paper reports on a pediatric population	N=0 (EC#2)
3. Publication is an HTA that was not published in a peer-reviewed journal	N=0 (EC#3)
4. Alternate technique/approach (e.g. single-port)	N=4 (EC#4)
5. No stratified analysis by study arm (e.g. combines results from robotic, laparoscopic and/or open cohorts)	N=113 (EC#5)
6. Hysterectomy cancer data mixed with other procedures (e.g. data from multiple surgical procedures combined)	N=32 (EC#6)
7. Original research study does not provide quantitative results for at least one of the findings relative to the outcomes of interest	N=21 (EC#7)
8. Original research publication includes redundant patient population and similar conclusions	N=8 (EC#8)

Gyn Onc publications: N=52 (18 cervical cancer)

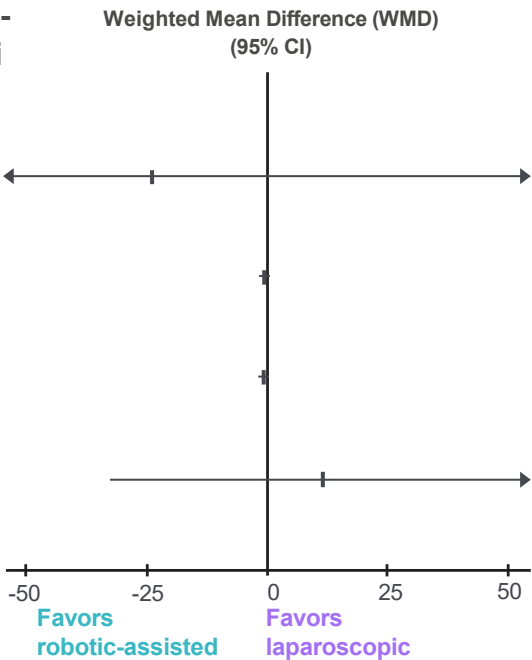
# Robotic-assisted vs. laparoscopic hysterectomy for cervical cancer

Summary as of December 31, 2022

■ Significant difference favoring robotic-assisted surgery   ■ No significant difference; comparable outcomes   ■ Significant difference favoring laparoscopic surgery

Compared to laparoscopic hysterectomy for cervical cancer, the evidence for **robotic-assisted hysterectomy using the da Vinci surgical system** demonstrates:

- Comparable estimated blood loss
- Comparable lymph node yield
- Comparable length of hospital stay
- Comparable operative time



Outcome	Robotic-assisted, n	Laparoscopic, n	Effect size 95% CI	P-value
Cervical cancer continuous variables (to December 31, 2022)				
<b>EBL, mL</b> 4, 6, 7, 12, 14				
Subtotal	259	495	WMD: -23.51 [-111.01, 64.00]	p=0.6
Random, Heterogeneity: p<0.01; I²=89%				
<b>LNY(Lap-RAS)</b> 4, 6, 7, 9				
Subtotal	208	230	WMD: -0.71 [-1.62, 0.20]	p=0.12
L-R Fixed, Heterogeneity: p=0.38; I²=4%				
<b>LOS, days</b> 4, 7, 9, 14, 18				
Subtotal	264	565	WMD: -0.60 [-1.31, 0.11]	p=0.10
Random, Heterogeneity: p<0.01; I²=77%				
<b>Operative time, min</b> 4, 6, 7, 12, 14				
Subtotal	259	495	WMD: 11.53 [-32.23, 55.28]	p=0.61
Random, Heterogeneity: p<0.01; I²=95%				

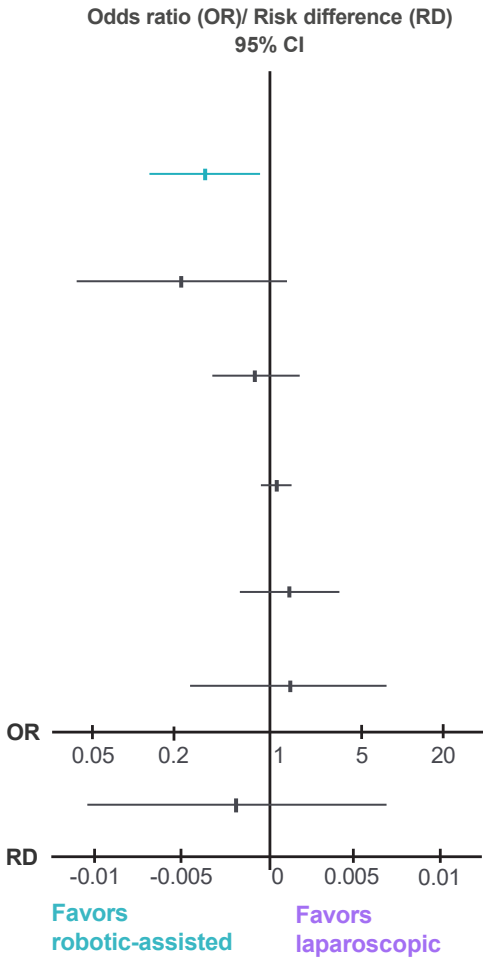
# Robotic-assisted vs. laparoscopic hysterectomy for cervical cancer

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Compared to laparoscopic hysterectomy for cervical cancer, the evidence for **robotic-assisted hysterectomy using the da Vinci surgical system** demonstrates:

- 65% less likely to be converted to open surgery
- Comparable positive surgical margins
- Comparable intraoperative complication rate
- Comparable postoperative complication rate within 30-days of surgery
- Comparable blood transfusion rate
- Comparable rate of positive lymphovascular space invasion
- Comparable mortality rate within 30-days of surgery



Outcome	Robotic-assisted, n	Laparoscopic, n	Effect size 95% CI	P-value
Cervical cancer binary variables (to December 31, 2022)				
<b>Conversions, n</b> 4, 6, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 16				
Subtotal	2757	1359	OR: 0.35 [0.14, 0.88]	p=0.03
Random, Heterogeneity: p=0.04; I <sup>2</sup> =59%				
<b>PSM, n</b> 8, 9				
Subtotal	964	80	OR: 0.23 [0.04, 1.39]	p=0.11
Fixed, Heterogeneity: p=0.89; I <sup>2</sup> =0%				
<b>Intraoperative complications, n</b> 6, 7, 14, 18				
Subtotal	156	571	OR: 0.82 [0.40, 1.70]	p=0.60
Fixed, Heterogeneity: p=0.31; I <sup>2</sup> =15%				
<b>30-day postoperative complications, n</b> 4, 6, 7, 9, 14, 15, 17, 18				
Subtotal	1166	955	OR: 1.19 [0.91, 1.55]	p=0.22
Fixed, Heterogeneity: p=0.09; I <sup>2</sup> =44%				
<b>Blood transfusions, n</b> 4, 6, 18				
Subtotal	189	361	OR: 1.45 [0.62, 3.39]	p=0.39
Fixed, Heterogeneity: p=0.37; I <sup>2</sup> =0%				
<b>Positive LVSI, n</b> 4, 8				
Subtotal	567	79	OR: 1.47 [0.28, 7.86]	p=0.65
Random, Heterogeneity: p=0.02; I <sup>2</sup> =82%				
<b>30-day mortality, n</b> 9, 12, 15, 18				
Subtotal	916	564	RD: -0.0018 [-0.0105, 0.0070]	p=0.69
Fixed, Heterogeneity: p=0.88; I <sup>2</sup> =0%				

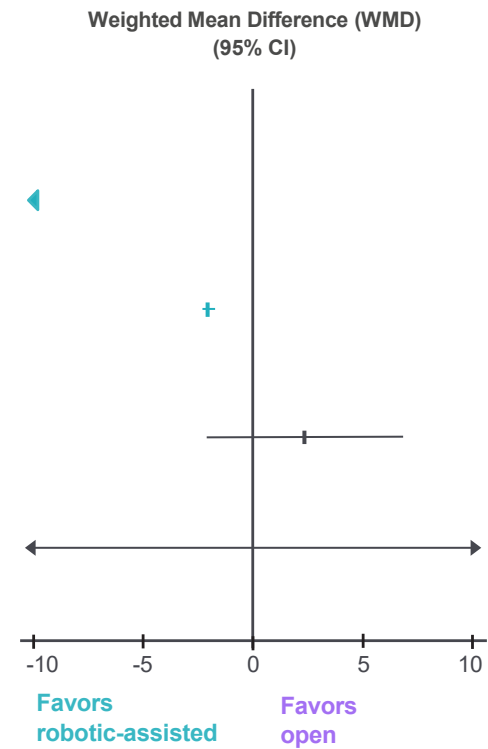
# Robotic-assisted vs. open hysterectomy for cervical cancer

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Compared to open hysterectomy for cervical cancer, the evidence for **robotic-assisted hysterectomy using the da Vinci surgical system** demonstrates:

- Significantly less estimated blood loss by an average of 286 mL
- Significantly shorter hospital length of stay by an average of 2 days
- Comparable lymph node yield
- Comparable operative time



Outcome	Robotic-assisted, n	Open, n	Effect size 95% CI	P-value
Cervical cancer continuous variables (to December 31, 2022)				
<b>EBL, mL</b> 4, 6, 7, 12, 14				
Subtotal	1006	1397	WMD: -285.73 [-409.24, -162.22]	p<0.01
Random, Heterogeneity: p<0.01; I²=91%				
<b>LOS, days</b> 4, 7, 9, 14, 18				
Subtotal	172	2052	WMD: -2.02 [-2.20, -1.84]	p<0.01
Fixed, Heterogeneity: p = 0.13; I²=50%				
<b>LNY (Open-RAS)</b> 4, 6, 7, 9				
Subtotal	1197	1371	WMD: 2.36 [-2.14, 6.86]	p=0.30
O-R Random, Heterogeneity: p<0.01; I²=93%				
<b>Operative time, min</b> 4, 6, 7, 12, 14				
Subtotal	127	518	WMD: 25.89 [-47.32, 99.10]	p=0.49
Random, Heterogeneity: p<0.01; I²=97%				

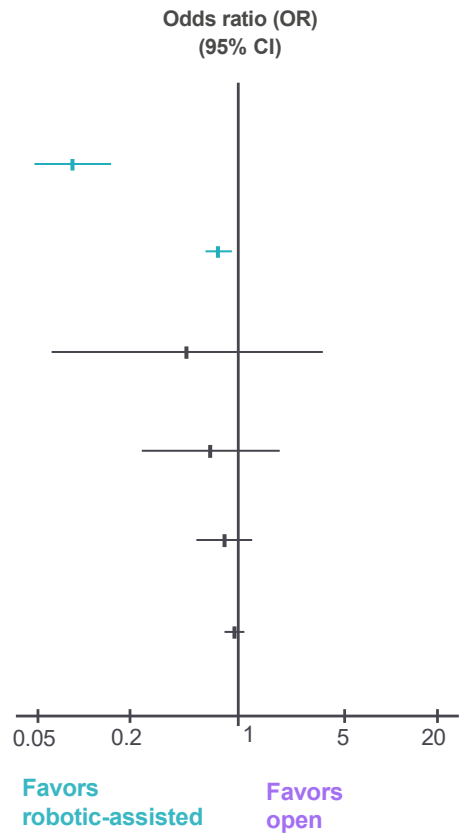
# Robotic-assisted vs. open hysterectomy for cervical cancer

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Compared to open hysterectomy for cervical cancer, the evidence for **robotic-assisted hysterectomy using the da Vinci surgical system** demonstrates:

- 92% less likely to receive a blood transfusion
- 25% less likely to experience a postoperative complication within 30-days of surgery
- Comparable mortality rate within 30-days of surgery
- Comparable intraoperative complication rate
- Comparable positive surgical margins
- Comparable rate of positive lymphovascular space invasion



Outcome	Robotic-assisted, n	Open, n	Effect size 95% CI	P-value
Cervical cancer binary variables (December 31, 2022)				
Blood transfusions, n <sup>4, 6, 18</sup>				
Subtotal	1032	2750	OR: 0.08 [0.05, 0.15]	p<0.01
Fixed, Heterogeneity: p=0.18; I <sup>2</sup> =39%				
30-day postoperative complications, n <sup>4, 6, 7, 9, 14, 15, 17, 18</sup>				
Subtotal	969	4541	OR: 0.75 [0.63, 0.90]	p<0.01
Fixed, Heterogeneity: p=0.11; I <sup>2</sup> =50%				
30-day mortality, n <sup>9, 12, 15, 18</sup>				
Subtotal	816	4194	OR: 0.46 [0.06, 3.50]	p=0.45
Fixed, Heterogeneity: p=0.86; I <sup>2</sup> =0%				
Intraoperative complications, n <sup>6, 7, 14, 18</sup>				
Subtotal	194	2128	OR: 0.66 [0.24, 1.80]	p=0.41
Random, Heterogeneity: p=0.1; I <sup>2</sup> =53%				
PSM, n <sup>8, 9</sup>				
Subtotal	2045	2377	OR: 0.81 [0.54, 1.22]	p=0.32
Fixed, Heterogeneity: p=0.16; I <sup>2</sup> =41%				
Positive LVSI, n <sup>4, 8</sup>				
Subtotal	1578	1744	OR: 0.95 [0.82, 1.11]	p=0.53
Fixed, Heterogeneity: p=0.5; I <sup>2</sup> =0%				

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# Disclosures

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