

Options for the Treatment of Prostate Cancer

Deciding on the right option for you

When diagnosed early, prostate cancer is a highly curable disease for which most men are treated successfully and go on to live active and productive lives. Consult with your urologist to decide which treatment is most appropriate for you as an individual.

For the majority of patients, surgical removal or radiation therapy are the primary options. The chart below draws from published clinical studies to compare important aspects of surgery vs. those of radiation.

Table 1

Outcome	Radical Prostatectomy	Radiation
Long-term survival of high-grade cancer patients ¹	Longer	Shorter
Cancer recurrence ²	Easy to detect	Difficult to detect
Risk of secondary cancers ^{3,4}	Lower	Higher
Disease-specific long-term quality of life ⁵	Stable	Unstable
Painful urination (at 18-month follow-up) ⁶	1% of patients	30% of patients
Long-term erectile dysfunction ⁷	Lower risk	Higher risk
Bowel function impairment ⁹	Lower risk	Higher risk

Surgical removal is the definitive, gold standard treatment for localized prostate cancer.⁸

Today, many patients are benefiting from an effective, minimally invasive treatment for prostate cancer known as *da Vinci* Surgery. In addition to the advantages over radiation therapy, detailed above, *da Vinci* Surgery offers many potential benefits over open and laparoscopic surgery. Surgeons have the ability to use *da Vinci* to potentially offer a procedure with excellent cancer control, fewer complications, and a quicker return of urinary continence and sexual function.

da Vinci Surgery vs. Traditional Surgical Approaches to Prostate Cancer

Table 2

Outcome	<i>da Vinci</i> Surgery	Open Surgery	Laparoscopic Surgery
Cancer control			
T2 margin status	2.5 ¹	5.9 ²	7.7 ³
Complications			
Length of hospital stay	1.2 days ⁴	3 days ⁵	2.5 days ⁶
Major	1.7% ⁴	6.7% ⁵	3.7% ⁷
Minor	3.7% ⁴	12.6% ⁵	14.6% ⁷
Urinary function			
3 month	92.9% ⁷	54% ⁸	62% ⁹
6 month	94.9% ⁷	80% ⁸	77% ⁹
12 month	97.4% ⁷	93% ⁸	83% ⁹
Sexual Function			
12 month	86% ¹⁰	71% ¹¹	76% ¹²

***da Vinci* Surgery is the #1 Treatment Choice for Prostate Cancer.**

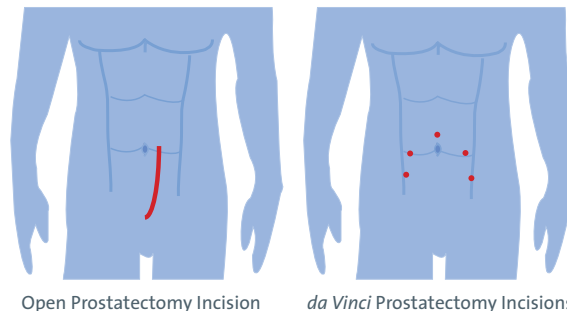
More men in the United States choose *da Vinci* Surgery than any other treatment option.

da Vinci Surgery for the Treatment of Prostate Cancer

A Less Invasive Surgical Procedure

If your doctor recommends surgery to treat your prostate cancer, you may be a candidate for an effective, less invasive surgical procedure called *da Vinci* Prostatectomy. For many patients, *da Vinci* Prostatectomy offers numerous potential benefits over open prostatectomy including:

- Shorter hospital stay
- Less pain
- Less risk of infection
- Less blood loss and transfusions
- Less scarring
- Faster recovery
- Quicker return to normal activities



The Enabling Technology

The *da Vinci* Surgical System is designed to allow complex procedures to be performed through a few tiny incisions by providing surgeons with enhanced capabilities including a magnified, 3D view of the operative field and greater dexterity and range of motion. The *da Vinci* System is an enabling technology which cannot act on its own; the surgery is performed entirely by your doctor.

To learn more about *da Vinci* surgery for prostate cancer, talk to your urologist and visit www.daVinciProstatectomy.com

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