



Providence
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*New surgical
robot means
faster recovery*

Nicole Brooks, M.D.,
uses the new da Vinci
XI robot for an
abdominal surgery.

2018 Highlights

The da Vinci XI is Providence Medford Medical Center's newest robotic surgical system for minimally invasive procedures.

Thanks to a generous estate gift from a long-time donor, the latest da Vinci robot is the first one in southern Oregon and now is available for our patients.

Nicole Brooks, M.D., urogynecologist surgeon, said this new machine allows surgeons to do more complex surgeries than before. It also means faster recovery times for most patients. "It's the difference between an overnight stay in the hospital or going home the same day, versus staying in the hospital three to five days to recover from a large abdominal incision," Dr. Brooks said. This also means less pain and scarring for patients.

"Making a large incision is an insult on the body," Dr. Brooks said. "The da Vinci allows us to reduce the number of large-incision surgeries we do, and it allows better access to areas of the body requiring surgery."

"The new robot is absolutely amazing. The visualization is so superior to the older model that I can almost see individual capillaries," Dr. Brooks said. "This enhances my ability to perform delicate dissection and allows me to do a much better job for my patients. The superior maneuverability allows me to perform the surgery with greater precision and safety. I am so thankful that Providence was able to provide this amazing new technology for our patients and a big thank you to our donors who made this possible."

The system is used primarily for abdominal surgeries, hysterectomies, and colon and hernia procedures. With the addition of this new robot and its advanced technology, Providence Medford Medical Center is now a center of excellence for minimally-invasive surgery.

Palliative care meets wishes of patient

Roger* has dementia and when his health began to decline, Roger's family turned to palliative care. The aim of palliative care is to alleviate suffering in all its forms and to improve quality of life for those with a chronic or terminal illness. "The palliative care team gave us several ideas on how we should provide care for him," said Mark*, Roger's lifetime friend and legal guardian. "We now have some direction for his future." Your gifts provide training and resources for the palliative care team.

**Names are changed to protect privacy*

Scholarship leads to degree

Jeremiah Jackson, RN, is the clinical coordinator for spine, orthopedics, inpatient rehabilitation and acute medical departments. He received a Beverly Lowman Scholarship in 2018.

"The Beverly Lowman Scholarship has made it possible for me to pursue my bachelor's degree in nursing without incurring more student debt. This means a great deal to my family and me," said Jeremiah. "Words cannot express how thankful I am for this opportunity."



2018 total dollars raised by fund

Total amount raised:
\$3,612,959

- ▶ Area of Greatest Need | 81%
- ▶ Birthplace | 4%
- ▶ Cancer Care | 1%
- ▶ Charity Care | 1%
- ▶ Hospice/Palliative Care | 1%
- ▶ Leila Eisenstein Breast Center | 1%
- ▶ Nursing Education | 1%
- ▶ Other Funds | 10%