

Am I A Candidate For *da Vinci*[®] Surgery?

A discussion guide for meeting with your physician

Most people are candidates for *da Vinci* Surgery. But only you and your doctor can decide whether *da Vinci* Surgery is right for you. Please take this brief survey to help you decide with your physician if you are a candidate for *da Vinci* Surgery.

1. What is your condition?

- □ Prostate cancer
- Endometriosis or adenomyosis
- ☐ Menorrhagia (excessive bleeding)
- ☐ Fibroids
- Uterine or vaginal vault prolapse
- Cervical cancer
- Uterine cancer
- ☐ Mitral valve prolapse
- □ Other
- 2. I have been referred by my physician for surgery:
 - ☐ Yes
 - 🗌 No
- 3. I have spoken with my physician about the potential risks and benefits of surgery:
 - □ Yes □ No
- 4. I have spoken with my physician specifically about the potential risks and benefits of *da Vinci* Surgery:
 - ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you answered "no" to all or most of these questions so far, you may not be considering all of the treatment options available to you. We encourage you to talk to your physician about these topics.



- 5. Amount of time I could afford to spend way from normal daily activities after surgery:
 - □ 1-3 days
 - □ 4-7 days
 - \square 8 or more days
- 6. I have concerns about taking pain medications after surgery:
 - ☐ Yes
 - 🗌 No
 - ☐ Maybe

7. I have concerns about requiring blood transfusions:

- ☐ Yes
- D No
- ☐ Maybe

8. I am concerned about scars from surgery:

- □ Yes
- 🗌 No
- ☐ Maybe

If you answered "yes" to all of most of the previous questions, you may be a candidate for *da Vinci* Surgery. We encourage you to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of each treatment option available to you and how *da Vinci* surgery compares in clinical outcome and patient satisfaction.

- 9. I have researched the potential benefits of *da Vinci* Surgery for my specific condition:
 - ☐ I plan to ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 10. I have questions about whether *da Vinci* Surgery is covered by my insurance plan:
 - ☐ Yes

 - ☐ Maybe



Use this section to capture additional questions you may want to ask you physician about.

Think about the kind of treatment experience you want to have, the kind of lifestyle you want to lead afterwards, and how surgery may affect your family. Do you have concerns about the technology or about effectiveness compared to open surgery?

Be sure to write down your concerns and questions ahead of time so you don't forget them during the consultation with your physician. And remember to check out both the FAQs and Patient Experiences section on www.daVinciSurgery.com for more information that may help guide your discussion.





For additional information on da Vinci surgeries performed at South Nassau Communities Hospital or to meet the physicians performing them, please go to www.southnassauroboticsurgery.org or call 1 (877) SOUTHNASSAU.