

Robotic Surgery for Gynecologic Problems

Robotic surgery in gynecology is one of the fastest growing fields of robotic surgery, and South Miami Hospital was the first hospital in South Florida to implement this technology.

Robotic surgery can be used to treat fibroids, abnormal periods, endometriosis, ovarian tumors, pelvic prolapse and cancers of the reproductive system. Using the robot as a surgical tool, gynecologists can perform hysterectomies, myomectomies to remove fibroids and for lymph node biopsies. With the robot, the need for large abdominal incisions is virtually eliminated.

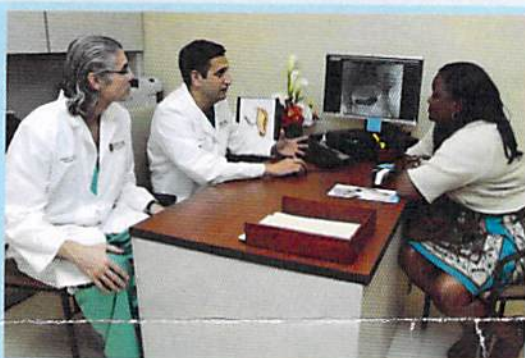
Robotic surgery can also be used in orthopedics, cardiac and thoracic surgery, gastrointestinal surgery, neurosurgery, prostate surgery, bladder surgery and throat surgery.

South Miami Hospital's robotic surgeons are some of the busiest in the world and have developed techniques for using the robot in surgery.

What does this mean for the patient?

With any robot-assisted surgery, there is less blood loss, less chance of infection, smaller incisions, less scarring and quicker recovery time.

For more information about robotic surgery, contact the patient care navigator at **786-662-8585**.



Gynecologist Rafael Perez, M.D., left, and interventional radiologist Adam Geronemus, M.D., follow up with patient who opted for uterine fibroid embolization to treat her fibroids.

The Fibroid Center - New Techniques, New Hope

As many as 80 percent of women develop fibroids at some time in their lives, although not all experience symptoms. Because fibroids vary in size and location, symptoms and treatments vary. Symptoms range from severe menstrual cramps and painful intercourse to anemia and miscarriages.

The Fibroid Center at the Center for Women & Infants offers the convenience of a one-stop shop for women with fibroids.

"Everything is done in one place with experienced physicians evaluating all the treatments and using the latest techniques," said **Rafael Perez, M.D.**, the medical director of the Fibroid Center.

The Fibroid Center team includes gynecologists, robotic surgeons, diagnostic and interventional radiologists and fertility specialists.

The team works with the patient and her physician to develop a plan tailored to that specific patient.

The options may include fibroid embolization in which fibroids are shrunk by cutting off the blood supply to them, laparoscopic or robotic myomectomy to surgically remove the fibroids, or hysterectomy to remove the uterus.

Each option is explained in detail by the medical team so the woman is aware of all the methods and technology available to her.

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