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# **“THE GOLD STANDARD FOR PROSTATE CANCER SURGERY.”**

Today, in the world's most advanced operating rooms, you will find doctors, nurses, technicians—and robots. Robots such as the da Vinci®, which is assisting surgeons at Broward Health Imperial Point Medical Center. Dr. Michael Zahalsky, a prostate cancer specialist, is one of only a few surgeons in the nation trained to perform robotic surgery using the da Vinci®.

The robot allows Dr. Zahalsky to operate through smaller, less-invasive incisions. Which allows for faster recovery times, less pain and greater success in the fight against prostate cancer.

“In my opinion, it has become the gold standard for prostate cancer surgery. It allows people to return to function, return to living and return to the things they love, faster.”

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**Broward Health Coral Springs Medical Center Marks its 500<sup>th</sup> Procedure  
Using the *da Vinci® Si™ Robotic Surgical System***

*System is Used for Minimally Invasive Adult Urology & Gynecology Surgical Procedures*

Coral Springs, FL - In 2009, Broward Health Coral Springs Medical Center (BHCSMC) became the first hospital in Broward County to acquire the *da Vinci® Si™ Robotic Surgical System* with robotic surgery capabilities for patients needing a prostatectomy or a hysterectomy. Since then, the BHCSMC robotic surgical program has grown and currently has twenty *da Vinci®* trained surgeons. This month marks the 500<sup>th</sup> procedure using the *da Vinci® Si™ Surgical System*.

Previously, all surgeries were performed "open," where an incision was made in the body large enough for the surgeon to plainly see - and insert his or her hands into - the surgical field. The large incisions that open surgery required caused pain, increased risk of infection and extended recovery time for patients.

With the *da Vinci® Si™ Surgical System*, the same complex surgeries are performed but through tiny surgical openings with high-definition 3D vision. This allows surgeons' hand movements to be scaled, filtered and translated into precise movements within the operative site. These technological advancements provide BHCSMC surgeons with unparalleled precision, dexterity and control that enable a minimally-invasive approach for many complex surgical procedures. Benefits to patients typically include less blood loss, less chance of infection, a shorter hospital stay, less pain, less scarring and faster recovery.

The 500<sup>th</sup> procedure - a prostatectomy - was performed at BHCSMC by urologist Dr. Michael Zahalsky. Patients who have received a *da Vinci®* prostatectomy have significantly lower rates of serious complications (3.7 percent for robotic vs. 12.9 percent for open) and are able to return to work significantly earlier than open prostatectomy patients (11 days for robotic vs. 49 days for open).

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