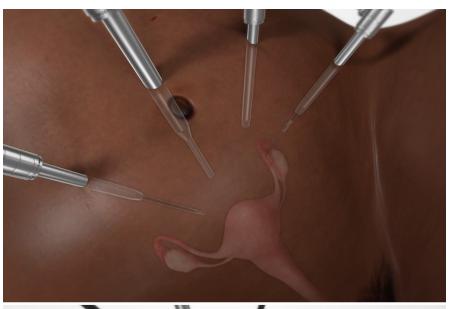




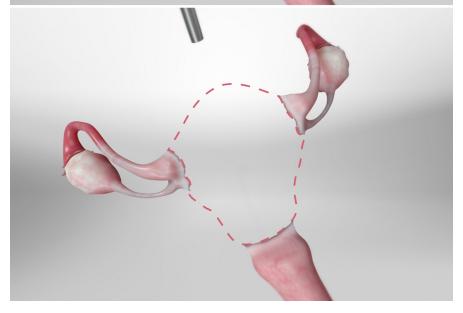


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Hysterectomy (Robot-Assisted)







Overview

This surgery removes your uterus (the organ responsible for pregnancies and menstrual periods) with the aid of instruments held by robotic arms. We use this surgery to treat issues like endometriosis, fibroids, prolapse and cancer.

Preparation

To begin, we give you medicine to put you to sleep. We make some small openings in your belly area. These are for a special camera (called a "laparoscope") and surgical tools that are attached to the robotic arms. Filling your abdomen with air helps us see more clearly. Your surgeon sits at a control station. A monitor shows a magnified 3D view of the inside your body. Sensitive controls let your surgeon move the arms and use the tools with precision.

Removing the Uterus

Now it's time to remove your uterus. Your surgeon carefully detaches it. We may remove it through your vagina. Or, we may remove it through one of the incisions in your belly. Along with your uterus, we may need to remove other organs and tissues. These can include your cervix, ovaries, fallopian tubes and nearby lymph nodes. Finally, the top of your vagina is closed with sutures.

Conclusion

After the surgery, we watch you as you become awake and alert. Typically, you can go home the same day. Follow your care plan for a safe recovery.