

Facing Stomach Cancer?

Learn about minimally invasive
da Vinci® Surgery



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Surgery Options

Stomach cancer, also called gastric cancer, occurs when normal cells grow out of control and form a tumor in the stomach. If you've been diagnosed with stomach cancer, your doctor may recommend surgery, chemotherapy, and/or radiation therapy.

Surgery

Surgery may be recommended to remove the tumor, lymph nodes and all or part of your stomach. The operation is called a gastrectomy. There are three common types of stomach cancer surgery:

Endoscopic mucosal resection: This is only done for certain early stage cancers. During surgery, the cancer is removed through an endoscope (long, flexible tube passed down the throat into the stomach).

Subtotal gastrectomy: This may be recommended if the cancer is in the lower or upper stomach. During surgery, part of the stomach and nearby lymph nodes are removed and, if needed, part of the esophagus or small intestine. The remaining section of your stomach is reattached.



Total gastrectomy: Your doctor may recommend a total gastrectomy if the cancer has spread throughout your stomach or near your esophagus. A total gastrectomy involves removing the entire stomach and nearby lymph nodes. Other organs may also be removed, depending on the cancer stage. If you have a total gastrectomy, your surgeon will make a new stomach out of intestinal tissue. This will make room for food to be stored before it moves down the intestinal tract.

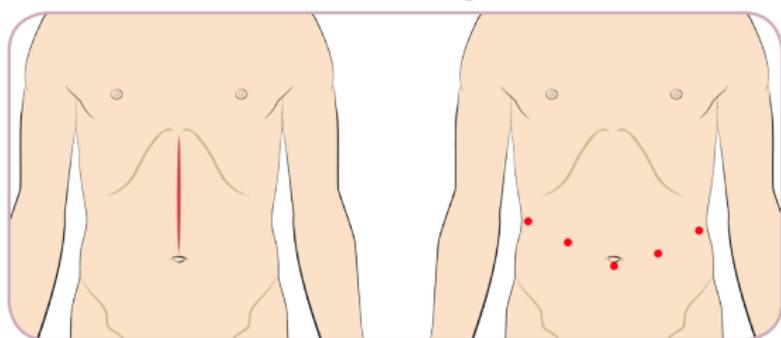
Surgery Approaches

Common surgery approaches are open surgery and minimally invasive surgery (laparoscopy), which includes *da Vinci* Surgery.

Open Surgery: A large incision is made in the abdomen which allows doctors to reach and touch your internal organs and tissues.

Laparoscopy: Laparoscopic surgery (also known as minimally invasive surgery) is done through a few small incisions using long, thin surgical instruments and a tiny camera that guides doctors as they operate.

Gastrectomy



Open Surgery
Incision

da Vinci Surgery &
Laparoscopy Incisions

***da Vinci* Surgery:**

A Minimally Invasive Surgery Option

If your doctor suggests surgery for stomach cancer, ask about minimally invasive *da Vinci* Gastrectomy.

Using the *da Vinci* System, your surgeon makes a few small incisions - similar to traditional laparoscopy. The *da Vinci* System gives surgeons:

- A 3D HD view inside your body
- Tiny, wristed instruments that bend and rotate far greater than the human hand
- Enhanced vision, precision and control

Your doctor controls the *da Vinci* System, which translates his/her hand movements into smaller, precise movements of tiny instruments inside your body.

The *da Vinci* System has brought minimally invasive surgery to more than 3 million patients worldwide.

If you are facing surgery, ask your doctor about the potential benefits of *da Vinci* Gastrectomy.

Risks & Considerations Related to Gastrectomy:

Leaking from the stomach or where the stomach is reconnected to the bowel, narrowing at the spot where the stomach is reconnected to the bowel, difficulty swallowing, collapsed lung.

Important Information for Patients:

Serious complications may occur in any surgery, including *da Vinci*[®] Surgery, up to and including death. Risks include, but are not limited to, injury to tissues and organs and conversion to other surgical techniques. If your doctor needs to convert the surgery to another surgical technique, this could result in a longer operative time, additional time under anesthesia, additional or larger incisions and/or increased complications. Individual surgical results may vary. Patients who are not candidates for non-robotic minimally invasive surgery are also not candidates for *da Vinci* Surgery. Patients should talk to their doctor to decide if *da Vinci* Surgery is right for them. Patients and doctors should review all available information on non-surgical and surgical options in order to make an informed decision. Please also refer to www.daVinciSurgery.com/Safety for Important Safety Information.

Your doctor is one of a growing number of surgeons worldwide offering *da Vinci*[®] Surgery.

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