

Smaller incisions. Bigger benefits.

Fairview Hospital leads the way with advanced surgical techniques.

When it comes to surgery, it always helps to know your options. Fairview Hospital offers a full range of surgical services, including traditional techniques as well as the most advanced minimally invasive surgical options. That's good news for people who want top surgical care close to home.

Minimally invasive techniques, including laparoscopic surgery and robotic surgery, cause minimal tissue, skin and muscle damage. Patients benefit from less pain, less scarring, quicker recovery, fewer complications, shorter hospital stays, and in many cases, better clinical outcomes. You may be a candidate for one of these techniques. And that means a quicker return to life as you know it.

Minimally Invasive Basics

To perform minimally invasive laparoscopic surgery, surgeons use a long, thin surgical instrument with a tiny video camera attached to it. They enter the body through several tiny incisions (each only ½- to 1-inch long) to perform the operation with minimal tissue damage. In certain instances, a minimally invasive single-port option – performed through only one small incision – is a possible alternative.

At Fairview Hospital, surgeons use minimally invasive laparoscopic surgery for hernia repair and gallbladder removals and in specialties that include gynecology, orthopaedics, plastic surgery, thoracic (lung) surgery, urology and vascular surgery.

Robotic Option Increases Precision

Highly skilled surgeons can now perform complex surgeries with even greater precision using robotic techniques. This alternative to traditional open surgery and laparoscopy is offered at Fairview Hospital to treat several conditions, including thoracic (lung), urological and gynecological conditions, as well as cancer.

To perform the procedure, a robotic unit mimics the surgeon's movements while the surgeon's hands control the movement and placement of those instruments. The surgeon benefits from highly magnified 3-D imaging and enhanced dexterity, allowing for greater precision and maneuverability.

If you think one of these minimally invasive procedures may be right for you, talk to your doctor. It's always good to know that you have options.

Fairview Hospital was ranked the No. 5 hospital in the Cleveland metropolitan area by *U.S. News & World Report's* Best Hospitals 2013-14 rankings.

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