

# **The Rise of the Robotics Scalpel**

*A Sci-Fi Reality*

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# Hey, nice to meet you!

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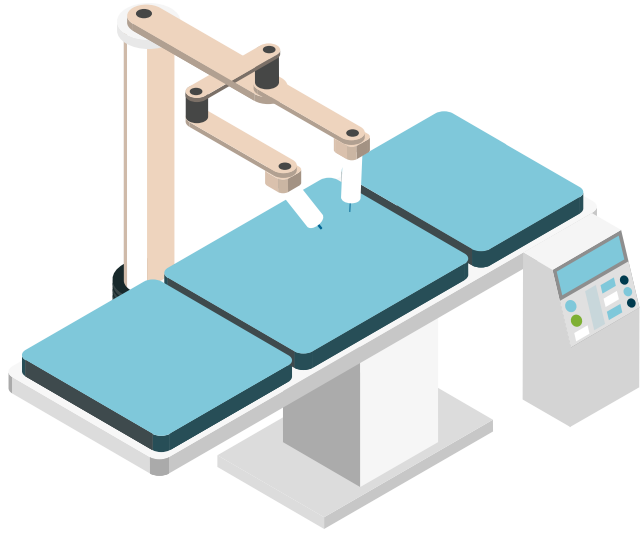




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# Introduction

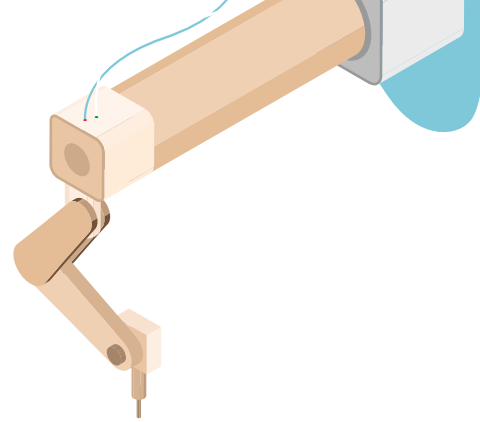
Let's talk about surgery.



# What is surgery?

Surgery is a medical specialty that involves using **invasive** techniques to diagnose and treat diseases, injuries, and deformities. The goal of surgery is to repair or remove damaged or diseased tissue, organs, or structures in the body.

# So why Robotics?



Enhanced Precision



Increased Flexibility



Improved Control



Less Invasive



Reduced Risk of  
Infection



# Overview of History

What have surgical robots been able to do so far?

# TIMELINE

1985

The PUMA 560 was used to place a needle for a brain biopsy using CT guidance



1988

The PROBOT was developed at Imperial College London



1992

the ROBODOC from Integrated Surgical Systems was introduced for hip replacement



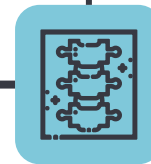
2006

The first “unmanned” surgery took place in Italy



2010

THEY DID SURGERY ON A GRAPE

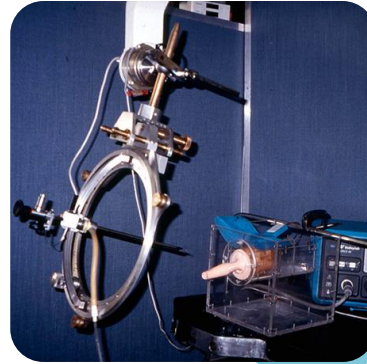


# The First Few Surgical Bots to Ever Exist



## PUMA 560

Used for brain biopsies to access hard-to-reach areas of the brain



## PROBOT

Used to help do surgery on the prostate through the urethra while using a computer to control the machine



## ROBODOC

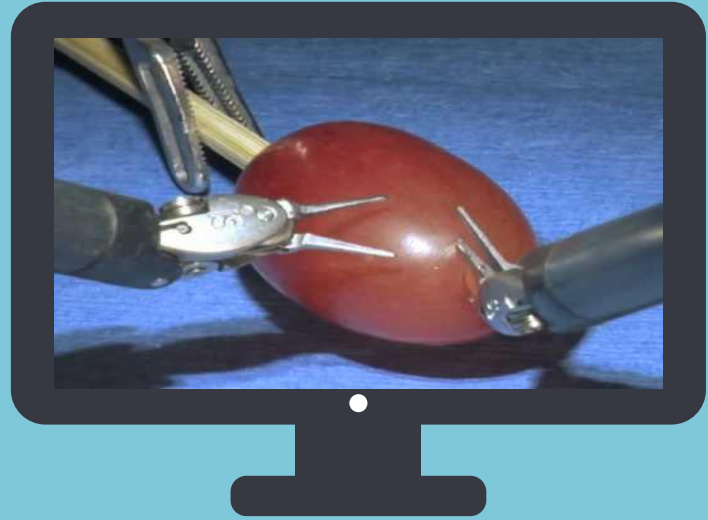
Used in hip surgery to create a cavity around the hip socket for a replacement to go in



# THEY DID SURGERY ON A GRAPE\*

IT'S TRUE! It was using the Da Vinci Surgical System in 2010!

\* Know Your Meme



# More Recent Developments

## Smart Tissue Autonomous Robot (STAR)

- Utilizes AI to “autonomously” perform anastomosis
- 50 minutes with the robot vs. 8 minutes with a surgeon
- Uses advanced computer vision and a CNN-based landmark detection algorithm to generate suture plans

[Read more HERE!](#)

# Popular surgical robots that have been developed

1. Da Vinci Surgical system by Intuitive Surgical
2. ZEUS Robotic Surgical System
3. AESOP Robotic System



# About

How does the Da Vinci Surgical System work?

# Classification of Systems



## Supervisory- Controlled systems

Robot carries out high-level instructions under surgeons supervision.

## Telesurgical Systems

Surgeons are able to perform procedures remotely.



## Shared-Control Systems

Surgeon and robot work in harmony.

# Da Vinci Surgical System



# Components



SURGEON CONSOLE

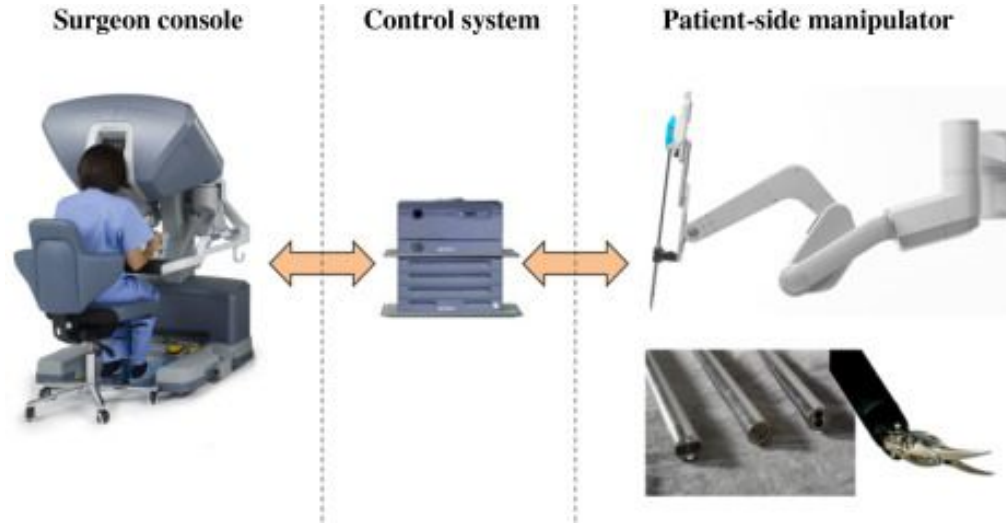


PATIENT CART



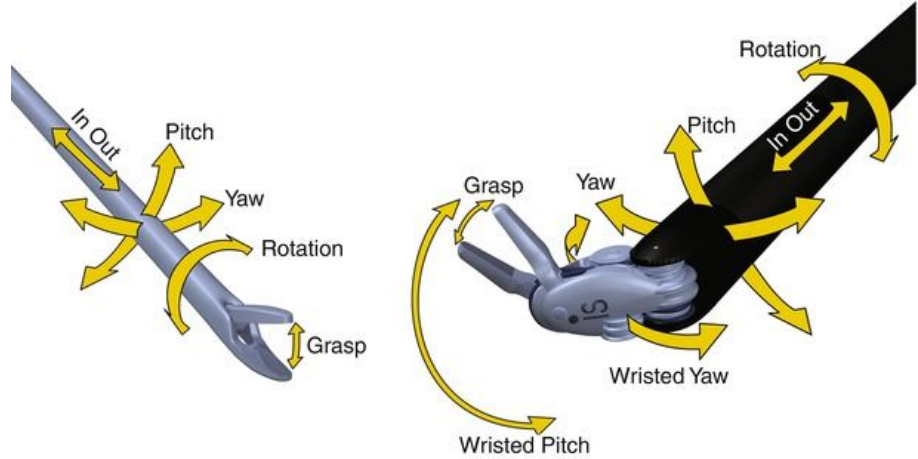
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# Architecture





# End Effector



# Specs

**Height:** 175.3 cm

**Length:** 127 cm

**Width:** 91.5 cm

**Weight:** 544.3 kg

**Cost:** Depends on configuration, but around \$1.2 million

**Sensors:** Optical encoders, Hall sensors, magnetic encoders, infrared sensors

**Actuators:** DC motors

**Power:** 120 V AC with battery backup

**Computing:** Combination of various DSPs, microcontrollers, and FPGAs

**Software:** Custom OS/control software

**Degrees of Freedom:** 7



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## **Impact**

How do we know it's needed?

# Patient Medical History



## Bridget Cairns

- Operated on by the **Da Vinci Surgical Robot**
- **Location:** Humber River Hospital

Early  
2016

## DIAGNOSIS

Bridget was diagnosed with kidney cancer.

Mid-  
December  
2016

## TREATMENT

Bridget underwent her kidney cancer procedure.

Mid-  
December  
2016 + 2 days

## POST-OP

Bridget wasn't on any painkillers & went home.

# Other Applications

**Cardiac surgeries:** Mitral valve repair, Coronary artery bypass.

**Colorectal surgeries:** Crohn's disease, Colorectal cancer, Diverticulitis, Ulcerative colitis, Abscesses, blockages and ruptures of the large intestine, Rectal prolapse.

**General surgeries (abdomen and digestive tract):** Liver conditions, Stomach conditions, Pancreas conditions, Conditions of the intestines, Gallbladder conditions

**Gynecology surgeries:** Hysterectomy, Endometriosis, Pelvic pain, Abnormal bleeding, Fibroids, Pelvic organ prolapse, Incontinence procedures, Incompetent Cervix, Cancers

**Urology surgeries:** Enlarged prostate, Cancers, Benign tumors.

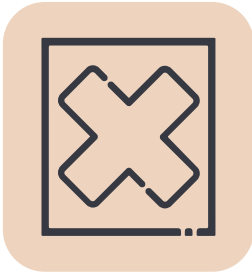
+ many others

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## **Challenges and Limitations**

We may always need real surgeons after all...

# Limitations



- Patient trust
- Cost
- Learning curve
- Technical issues
- Limited haptic feedback
- Limited adaptability
- High maintenance costs
- Limited Availability



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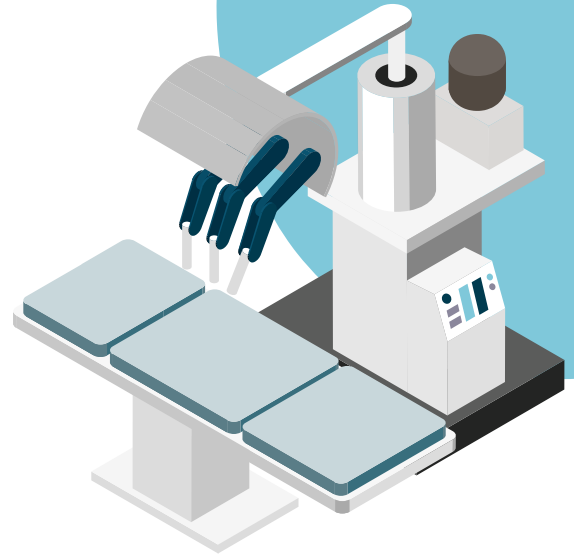
## **Conclusion**

My thoughts. Your thoughts. Let's talk.



# CONCLUSIONS

Surgical robots are an exciting development in the medical field that is changing the way surgeries are performed. With advanced technology, these robots offer many advantages over traditional surgical methods, including greater precision, less pain, and faster recovery times. While there are challenges and limitations, the potential benefits of surgical robots make them a valuable tool for surgeons in providing the best possible care for their patients.



**Thank  
You!**

