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Prostate Cancer Treatment

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In the U.S., 91% of new prostate cancer diagnoses are localized, meaning the cancer has not spread. For localized cancer, men have multiple treatment options available to them. One such option is radical prostatectomy, the surgical removal of the cancerous prostate.

According to the American Urological Association’s 2007 Guidelines for the Clinical Management of Prostate Cancer, “the major potential benefit of [radical prostatectomy] is a cancer cure in patients in whom the prostate cancer is truly localized.”

Treatment options such as radiotherapy (either external beam or seed implants) or cryotherapy may radiate, burn or freeze the prostate. However, surgery is the only treatment that removes the cancerous prostate. And da Vinci Surgery offers patients a highly effective, minimally invasive option for removal of the prostate.

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The Treatment: Radical Prostatectomy

Radical prostatectomy, which surgically removes the prostate gland, is the most common treatment for prostate cancer. Traditional open prostatectomy requires an 8 to 10-inch incision. This approach commonly results in substantial blood loss and a lengthy and uncomfortable recovery.

da Vinci Prostatectomy: The #1 Treatment Choice for Prostate Cancer

If your doctor recommends surgery to treat your prostate cancer, you may be a candidate for a very effective, less invasive surgical procedure called da Vinci Prostatectomy. This procedure uses a state-of-the-art surgical system designed to help your doctor perform the most precise and least invasive prostatectomy available today.

For most patients, da Vinci Prostatectomy offers numerous potential benefits over open prostatectomy including:

- **Shorter hospital stay**
- **Significantly less pain**
- **Less blood loss and transfusions**
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*Recent clinical studies suggest that da Vinci Prostatectomy may offer improved cancer control and speed recovery of urinary continence and sexual function.*

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