



## Intuitive Surgical brings robotics exhibit to St. Mary's Hospital

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The March 3 visit from the Intuitive Surgical Thoracic Cancer Mobile Experience (TOME) was a smashing success. The truck – with its working models of state-of-the-art surgical robots – hosted dozens of St. Mary's leaders and colleagues, a science class from Clarke Middle School (CMS), numerous physicians (and some of their children!) and at least one family of visitors who decided to check it out after hearing an announcement over the hospital's PA system.

The 1,000-square-foot truck introduced the Ion Thoracic Bronchoscopy System – which provides fast, ultra-precise biopsies of potential lung cancers – and the da Vinci Si Robotic Surgical System, which provides minimally invasive lung resection for the treatment of cancer – along with a host of other procedures.

Visitors could not only see the systems in action, they could actually pilot them. On the Ion, visitors could use the system to navigate through a life-size model of the human lungs and its airways (“It’s like Google Maps!” one CMS student exclaimed). On the da Vinci, visitors could use the immersive surgeon’s console to perform intricate tasks using the robotic arms of the patient cart, including unwrapping a Hershey’s Kiss.

St. Mary's is committed to bringing state-of-the-art technology to the forefront as we continually strive to provide the highest level of care – and even higher level caring – to the communities we serve.

We hope you enjoy these photos from the event. Huge thanks to Intuitive Surgical and its dedicated staff for making this event possible.



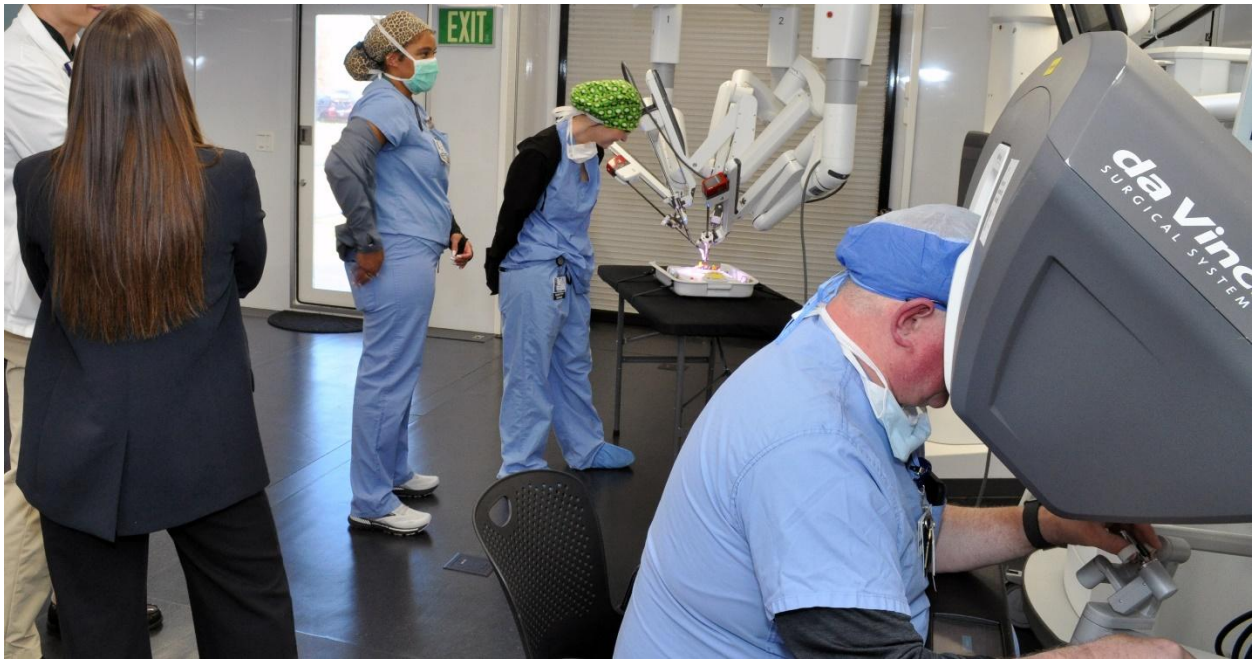
Surgical staff give the da Vinci patient cart a thumbs-up



A TOME presenter helps Lab Manager Todd Tyner get set to use the da Vinci surgeon's console



Experienced da Vinci surgeon Dr. Aaron Carr watches from the patient cart as Lab Manager Todd Tyner operates the robot



Staff from St. Mary's take a close look at the da Vinci Si surgical robot



Safety and Security Director Joe Lockman gets introduced to the Ion robotic bronchoscopy system



Some of the 30 science students from Clarke Middle School get introduced to the da Vinci robot



A TOME presenter describes the da Vinci robot's patient cart and its capabilities



CMS students watch as a fellow student uses the da Vinci robot to unwrap a Hershey's Kiss



CMS students gather around the screen showing what their fellow student sees as he operates the da Vinci robot



A TOME presenter introduces CMS students to the Ion Thoracic Bronchoscopy System



A TOME presenter shows CMS students the real-time video feed physicians use while navigating and targeting possible cancers in the lungs



A CMS science student uses the Ion to navigate through model lungs to a target site for biopsy



The da Vinci Si patient cart, left; computer tower and monitor, center, and surgeon's console, right



The Ion bronchoscopy robot and display screens, left; control pad, center, and bronchial system model, right





Intuitive Surgical's TOME truck, set up and awaiting visitors on St. Mary's campus