

# World Class Prostate Surgery Option Coming to Lawnwood this August

Beginning Aug. 1, Lawnwood Regional Medical Center & Heart Institute will utilize the da Vinci Robotic Surgical System (Intuitive Surgical Inc., Mountain View, Ca.) — the world's most technologically advanced surgical robotic system!

The da Vinci system offers improved outcomes following treatment of localized prostate cancer, and Lawnwood is the first hospital on the Treasure Coast to offer this world class technology to patients.

Common treatments for prostate cancer are surgery and radiation. Traditional prostatectomies often require large incisions and may result in increased blood loss, longer hospital stays and the

risk of impotence and incontinence. The da Vinci robot utilizes laparoscopic technology to access the prostate through small incisions. Magnified visualization and stable surgical precision are provided using the da Vinci system.

Following a robotic prostatectomy, the patient may experience a shorter hospital stay, less pain and scarring, less risk of infection and tissue damage, less blood loss and few transfusions, a reduced rate of complications such as impotence and incontinence, and a quicker return to normal activities. For information on this service or for a referral to a physician fellowship-trained on the da Vinci robot, call our free referral line at (800) 382-3522.

*Adam J. Ball, MD, is fellowship-trained in laparoscopic and robotic-assisted urologic surgery and will be joining the*



*medical staff at Lawnwood August 1. His partner at Gulfstream Urology Associates, PA., Dr.*

*Scott Van Appledorn, also fellowship-trained in laparoscopic and robotic-assisted urologic surgery, will join this new Treasure Coast practice in October.*