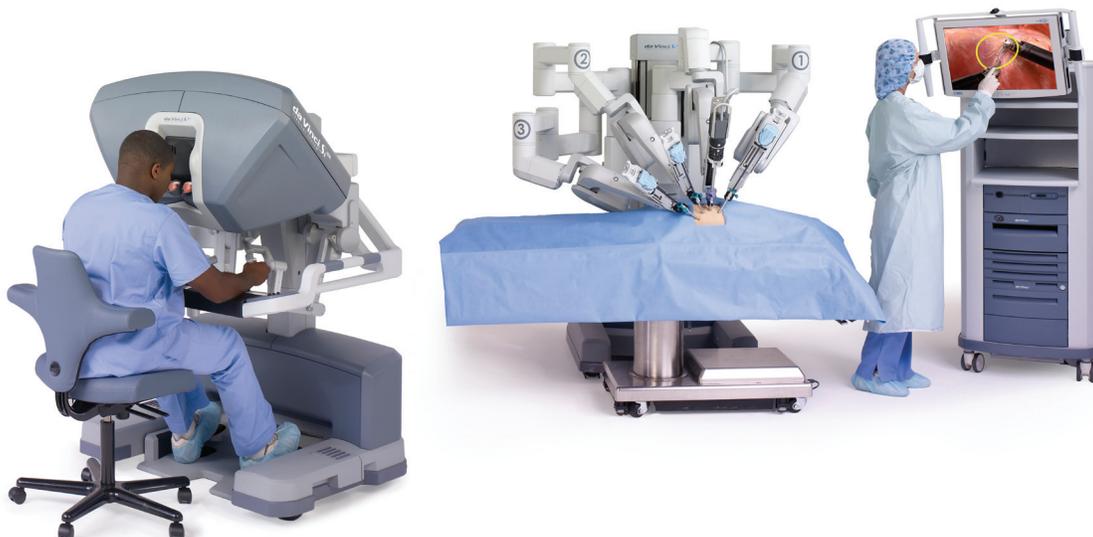


# BROOKS COUNTY HOSPITAL

*Quarterly*

## Robotic Surgery Provides Benefits for Brooks County Patients



Archbold has officially announced the launch of their robotic surgery program, featuring the daVinci® Surgical System.

DaVinci® offers physicians an effective, minimally invasive option for complex surgical procedures, performed currently as “open” surgery or laparoscopy. The innovative surgical tool will be used by surgeons at Archbold to treat general, urological and gynecologic conditions.

“Surgery with the daVinci provides many patient benefits such as quicker recoveries and shorter hospital stays,” said Michael Sopt, MD, Brooks Medical Associates. “Patients return to their everyday activities within days. I am proud to recommend daVinci to patients in need of surgical treatment.”

DaVinci allows surgeons to operate through small, dime-size incisions resulting in fewer complications, less pain and quicker recoveries.

With the surgeon seated at the console a few feet from the patient, robotic arms translate and replicate the surgeon’s hand movements in real time, providing surgeons with closer access to the surgical site than human vision will allow, all while working at a smaller scale than conventional surgery permits.

DaVinci will most commonly be used to treat a range of gynecologic conditions including, but not limited to, cervical and uterine cancer, uterine fibroids, endometriosis, uterine prolapse and menorrhagia or excessive bleeding.

Board certified surgeons at Archbold will also utilize the daVinci® System as treatment for lung, stomach, mediastinal and esophageal cancer, as well as gallbladder disease and stones and pancreatic disease (cancer and pancreatitis). The System will also be used to treat prostate cancer, ureteropelvic junction (UPJ) obstruction, bladder and kidney cancer and vesicoureteral reflux.

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- April - Blood mobile donations and a Health Fair for Brooks County Schools. Cholesterol, glucose, blood pressure and BMI screenings were offered as well as health information and one-on-one counseling.



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## BCH Welcomes Rhudy as Hospital Administrator

Brooks County Hospital is pleased to announce the addition of Ken Rhudy to its staff as the hospital administrator. He brings 20 years of experience in senior-level healthcare management.

Rhudy received a Bachelor of Science in Business Management from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and a Master of Fine Arts degree in Administration from the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa. He served in the United States Air Force for 10 years as a Medical Service Corps Officer, then began his healthcare administration career at the Dooly Medical Center in Vienna, Georgia.

Rhudy returns to the Archbold family, previously serving as the administrator of Grady General Hospital in Cairo from 2001-2006. Prior to rejoining Archbold, he served as the interim Chief Executive Officer at St. Mary's Medical Center of Scott County in Oneida, Tennessee, and most recently as President of Rhudy & Associates, Inc., a management and leadership training company affiliated with Crestcom International.

"I wanted to return directly to healthcare, where my talents and heart lies," said Rhudy. "It's an honor to come back and rejoin the Archbold family."



Joining Rhudy in his return is his wife of 21 years, Pam and his son, Joshua, who will be a sophomore at Valdosta State University in the fall.

"Brooks County Hospital and Archbold Medical Center have a strong health system in place, providing high quality care and cutting-edge technology for our patients as well as serving as an invaluable healthcare resource for the citizens of Brooks County," said Rhudy. "I am eager to get to know the staff at the hospital and I look forward to becoming active in the Brooks County community."

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