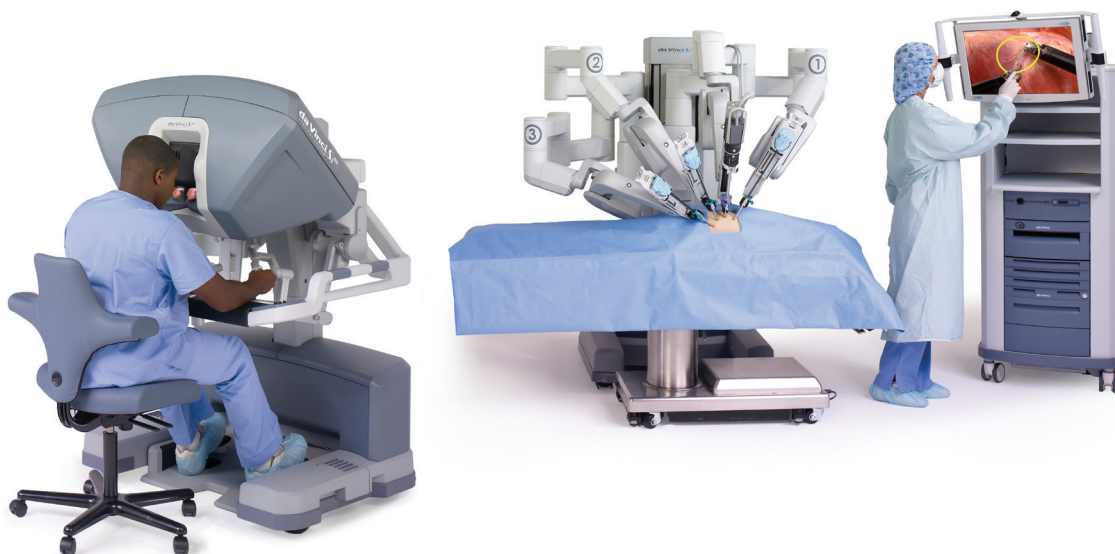


# GRADY GENERAL HOSPITAL

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## Robotic Surgery Provides Benefits for Grady 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.

“The presence of the DaVinci system gives Archbold surgeons the ability to use cutting edge surgical practices. It allows the surgeon to perform an increasing number of cases through smaller surgical incisions which, in turn, allows the patients a more rapid recovery,” said Jonathan Lynch, MD, Cairo Medical Care, LLC.

“The DaVinci system offers the surgeons the most advanced tools in modern medicine,” said Lynch.

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

- **January** - Kwanza Festival Health Fair. Cholesterol, glucose, blood pressure and BMI screenings were offered as well as health information and one-on-one counseling.
- **April** - Community Health Talk: The Slippery Slope of Drug and Alcohol Addiction.



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## Parkhurst Treats Over 1,200 in Haiti

Christina R. Parkhurst, MD took her first medical missions trip to Haiti with her church as a teenager.

This February she returned to Haiti for her 17th visit.

International Allied Missions (IAM), a non-profit organization that Parkhurst assisted in founding, has grown to include two separate medical groups, a general medical group and a surgical group.

"Each year we are able to see hundreds of people and perform various minor surgical procedures in a one-two week period of time," said Parkhurst. "The trip this year was the biggest yet."

Parkhurst explained that since the earthquake, IAM has received yearly commitments from multiple medical personnel including physicians and nurses. The goals of IAM are to start a permanent medical clinic staffed by Haitian medical personnel and eventually to build and oversee a hospital.



**Pictured above:** Still using temporary facilities, Parkhurst and the IAM staff performed over 50 surgical procedures and treated over 1,200 patients during their trip this February.

"Since the first time I set foot on Haitian soil my involvement there has been my driving force," said Parkhurst. "I have gained more from the people of Haiti than I could ever repay with my time, service and support."

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