



Intuitive Surgical Receives CE Mark for Latest da Vinci® Robotic-Assisted Surgical System

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New da Vinci X™ Surgical System provides lower-cost, robotic-assisted surgical option for hospitals, surgeons

SUNNYVALE, Calif., April 26, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Intuitive Surgical, a global technology leader in robotic-assisted, minimally invasive surgery, announced today that its new *da Vinci X* Surgical System received CE Mark approval in Europe. The *da Vinci X* System will provide surgeons and hospitals with access to some of the most advanced robotic-assisted surgery technology at a lower cost.

A photo accompanying this announcement is available at <http://www.globenewswire.com/NewsRoom/AttachmentNg/ee61d5d2-de9c-492a-8f01-7bca011df400>

The launch of the *da Vinci X* System underscores Intuitive's commitment to meeting customers' needs with a strong value-oriented portfolio of cost-appropriate technologies and an array of financing options.

"Over the past 21 years, Intuitive Surgical pioneered robotic-assisted surgery and we continue to lead the way in developing and bringing to market innovative technologies, outcomes-focused products and value-oriented solutions," said Dr. Gary Guthart, CEO of Intuitive Surgical. "Our surgeon, hospital and healthcare customers around the world told us that robotic-assisted surgery matters for their programs and their patients while underscoring the importance of providing choice from a clinical, technological and cost standpoint. The *da Vinci X* product offering provides a lower-cost solution to meet the needs of customers who want a choice in price points, while offering access to many of our recent innovations."

The *da Vinci X* System offers surgeons and hospitals access to Intuitive's portfolio of advanced, innovative robotic-assisted surgical technologies – and its full ecosystem of programs, support, services, and solutions – at a lower price. The System uses the same vision cart and surgeon consoles that are found on our flagship product, the *da Vinci Xi*® System, enabling our customers the option of adding advanced capabilities, and providing a pathway for upgrading should they choose to do so as their practice and needs grow.

The *da Vinci X* System enables optimized, focused-quadrant surgery and features flexible port placement and state-of-the-art 3D digital optics, while incorporating our latest advanced instruments and accessories as Intuitive's flagship system. The new system drives operational efficiencies through set-up technology that uses voice and laser guidance, drape design that simplifies surgery prep, and a lightweight, fully integrated endoscope.

"The *da Vinci X* System was designed to expand access to the benefits that robotic-assisted surgery delivers to patients, surgeons and hospitals around the world, by providing a cost-conscious, high quality, highly capable solution," said Henry Charlton, Senior Vice President of U.S. Sales for Intuitive Surgical. "We are pleased to offer this new system in Europe, and look forward to doing so in the U.S. once we receive FDA clearance."

About Intuitive Surgical, Inc.

Intuitive Surgical, Inc. (Nasdaq:ISRG), headquartered in Sunnyvale, Calif., is a global technology leader in robotic-assisted, minimally invasive surgery. Intuitive Surgical develops, manufactures and markets the *da Vinci* Surgical System.

About the *da Vinci* Surgical System

There are several models of the *da Vinci* Surgical System. The *da Vinci* Surgical Systems are designed to help surgeons perform minimally invasive surgery. *da Vinci* Systems are not programmed to perform surgery on their own. Instead, the procedure is performed entirely by a surgeon who controls the system. *da Vinci* Systems offer surgeons high-definition 3D vision, a magnified view, and robotic and computer assistance. They use specialized instrumentation, including a miniaturized surgical camera and wristed instruments (i.e., scissors, scalpels and forceps) that are designed to help with precise dissection and reconstruction deep inside the body.

The *da Vinci X* System is not 510(k) cleared and not currently for sale in the U.S.

Forward Looking Statement

This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, including statements regarding regulatory clearances to market the *da Vinci X* System in the US. These forward-looking statements are necessarily estimates reflecting the best judgment of our management and involve a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those suggested by the forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements should, therefore, be considered in light of various important factors, including those under the heading "Risk Factors" in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016, as updated from time to time by our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and our other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Statements using words such as "estimates," "projects," "believes," "anticipates," "plans," "expects," "intends," "may," "will," "could," "should," "would," "targeted" and similar words and expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this press release. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or release any revisions to these forward-looking statements, except as required by law.

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