



St Vincent's, leading the way in robotic surgery

If undergoing major surgery at the hands of a robot sounds like something that may occur in your children or your grandchildren's lifetime, think again.

Robotic surgery, via the 'da Vinci Robot' is commonplace at St Vincent's and is gaining a reputation of excellence in the field of Urology. Dr Raji Kooner, just one of our talented Urological Surgeons at St Vincent's Private has been performing robotic surgery since 2006. Dr Kooner performed the first robot assisted radical prostatectomy in NSW, and since then has performed more than 800 procedures with impressive results.

"We've been extremely happy with the clinical outcomes and benefits", said Dr Kooner who has presented his data at several peer reviewed Urology conferences.

But perhaps a better demonstration of our medical excellence is the fact that patients have been seeking out St Vincent's expertise from far and wide. Patients are now coming from all over the country and internationally to undergo robot assisted surgery to remove prostate cancer, a speciality of Dr Kooner's as well as our other respected Urologists.

When Jeffrey Zomer of Kununurra, in the northern tip of Western Australia was diagnosed with prostate cancer in early 2013, his Urologist in Perth suggested robotic surgery. After taking in the news, Jeffrey's wife Janine started researching options. "We found St Vincent's Clinic and Dr Kooner's website which had a contact link. It was great because being in the country, it meant we didn't have to fly to Perth to seek a second opinion", said Janine.

Feeling confident in St Vincent's after a teleconference with Dr Kooner, they decided to make the 4,125km trip to Sydney for treatment. Jeffrey explains, "The amount of operations he had done was over 800 and we thought for the best result we would go with someone who has done a lot of operations".

It was a wise choice. After successful surgery, Jeffrey was discharged from hospital with a clean bill of health just two days after his procedure, standard in-hospital recovery time for robotic surgery recipients.

With ten times magnification and three dimensional view, Dr Kooner likens the resolution and view seen while operating to

Dr Raji Kooner and his team perform surgery via the da Vinci Robot.