CMR Surgical and Florida Hospital Nicholson Center Launch First Training Program in the US for New Surgical Robotic System, Versius®

The high-tech surgical training facility is the first in the US to partner with the British robotics company to train surgeons with the next-generation robotic system Versius®

CAMBRIDGE, UK and CELEBRATION, Fla. USA. 12 December 2018. CMR Surgical Ltd a British company developing the next-generation surgical robotic system and the Nicholson Center, a center of excellence for training, have launched the first U.S.-based training program for Versius. CMR Surgical has partnered with the Nicholson Center to train 27 surgical teams, which include more than 100 healthcare professionals, and assisted in nine weeks of FDA validation studies ahead of the launch of Versius in the U.S.

The introduction of Versius in the U.S. is expected to transform surgery. Versius resets expectations of robotic surgery by providing a versatile system that is portable, transportable and affordable. This is made possible because of its small form factor, modular design and individually cart-mounted arms. Versius is easy to move between operating rooms and even hospitals/clinics, quick to set up and gives the surgical team easy access to the patient at all times.

Biomimicking the human arm, Versius allows surgeons the freedom of port placement, but with the benefits of small fully-wristed instruments. With 3D HD vision, easy-to adopt instrument control and a choice of ergonomic working positions, the new open surgeon console will likely reduce stress and fatigue, offering the potential to extend the careers of surgeons.

“We are pleased to partner with the Nicholson Center to roll out a training program that introduces surgeons to Versius. Versius has been designed with the surgeon in mind and we are confident that by supporting the necessary training we can work with surgeons to realize the benefits of minimal access surgery for patients,” said Martin Frost, CEO, CMR Surgical.

“The Nicholson Center’s goal is to continue offering surgeons the ability to train on the latest and most advanced medical technology, and CMR Surgical’s Versius fits the bill,” said Roger Smith, PhD, CTO of the Nicholson Center. “This collaboration allows surgeons a chance to safely and realistically train with a completely unique, yet user-friendly, operating style, increasing their confidence levels before using the technology in the field.”

Vipul Patel, M.D., urological surgeon and president of the Society of Robotic Surgery said, “Having successfully completed the first pre-clinical radical prostatectomy using the Versius system in the U.S., I can see real value in CMR’s approach to developing a next generation surgical robot. The modular, portable design of Versius makes it a welcome addition to the surgical landscape.”
CMR Surgical, a British company based in Cambridge, United Kingdom expects to launch Versius, the next-generation surgical robot in the U.S in 2019.

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About CMR Surgical Limited
CMR Surgical is a British private limited company behind the next-generation universal robotic system, Versius®, for minimal access surgery.

The vision behind CMR Surgical is to make minimal access surgery universally accessible and affordable, transforming the existing market for surgical robotics while also addressing the six million people who still undergo open surgery each year.

CMR Surgical, formed in 2014, has its headquarters in Cambridge, United Kingdom and is backed by an international shareholder base. The Company has a Quality Management System accredited to ISO 13485:2016 by Underwriters Laboratories LLC® (‘UL’), and the status as a UL Registered Firm.

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About Nicholson Center
The Nicholson Center is a high-tech training and education institute focusing on disseminating leading-edge surgical knowledge and techniques for the global community. For over a decade, the center has trained more than 50,000 physicians from around the world, utilizing state-of-the-art surgical suites and labs, plus advanced medical simulation robotics and learning centers. The facility allows medical professionals to acquire and advance their skills in a highly collaborative surgical learning environment. As of January 2, 2019, Florida Hospital Nicholson Center will be known as AdventHealth Nicholson Center.

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