

Versius installed at Institut Curie as part of research partnership

- CMR Surgical has signed a two-year clinical study partnership contract with Institut Curie, France's leading cancer research centre, and ranked among the best cancer treatment centres in the world
- Studies will focus on robot-assisted gynaecological surgery in the treatment of cancer as well as robot ergonomics

Cambridge, United Kingdom. 21 September 2022 00:01 (GMT). CMR Surgical (CMR) - the global surgical robotics company - announces that the Institut Curie, France's leading cancer research centre, have introduced the Versius® Surgical Robotic System as part of a two-year clinical study partnership. The Versius system will initially be dedicated to gynaecological cancer surgery with a focus on minimally invasive hysterectomies.

"This technology enables our hospital to remain at the forefront of innovation," says **Professor Steven Le Guill, Director of the Institut Curie Hospital Complex**. "This partnership with CMR Surgical brings the Institut Curie into the field of robotics research through two new clinical studies".

The first study, which will start after the teams at Institut Curie have completed a thorough training programme, will compare conventional and robotic-assisted surgery. Its aim is twofold: to assess the benefits of robotic surgery for hysterectomy operations and to study how the use of robotic surgery could change the eligibility of patients for hysterectomy. The second study will focus on the ergonomics offered by Versius.

Dr Olivier Choussy, Head of the Institut Curie's Oncological Surgery Department, said: "The benefits of robotic surgery are numerous, especially for patients. There is a reduction in post-operative pain and the risk of complications, and better long-term tolerance after laparotomies. And from the point of view of practitioners and carers, our practice will be greatly enriched, and the intervention time will be more efficient. The arrival of this assistive technology is a real step forward for the whole operating room."

In addition to benefits for patients and improved ergonomics for the operating surgeon, Versius is part of a digital ecosystem that collects data throughout the procedure, delivering a wealth of insights that can help surgeons and hospitals deliver the best surgical care.

Dr Mark Slack, Chief Medical Officer of CMR Surgical, said: "We are delighted to be partnering with the Institut Curie, a leading cancer research and treatment centre with world-renowned expertise. This partnership demonstrates our commitment to research and to delivering an evidence-based approach to surgical robotics. We hope that the studies conducted under this partnership will contribute to advancing knowledge about the benefits and indications of robotic surgery in oncology."



Patricia Chesnais, General Manager, France & Benelux, CMR Surgical commented: "We are proud of this collaboration with the Institut Curie, which demonstrates the dynamic deployment of Versius in France, as well as the interest that centres of excellence and research societies have in the Versius system."

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The Versius® Surgical Robotic System

Versius® resets expectations of robotic surgery. Versius fits into virtually any operating room set-up and integrates seamlessly into existing workflows, increasing the likelihood of robotic minimal access surgery (MAS). The small, portable and modular design of Versius allows the surgeon to only use the number of arms needed for a given procedure.

Biomimicking the human arm, Versius gives surgeons the choice of optimised port placement alongside the dexterity and accuracy of small fully-wristed instruments. With 3D HD vision, easy-to adopt instrument control and a choice of ergonomic working positions, the open surgeon console has the potential to reduce stress and fatigue and allows for clear communication with the surgical team. By thinking laparoscopically and operating robotically with Versius, patients, surgeons and healthcare professionals can all benefit from the value that robotic MAS brings.

But it's more than just a robot. Versius captures meaningful data with its wider digital ecosystem to support a surgeon's continuous learning. Through the Versius Connect app, Versius Trainer and CMR clinical registry, Versius unleashes a wealth of insights to ultimately improve surgical care.

About CMR Surgical Limited

CMR Surgical (CMR) is a global medical devices company dedicated to transforming surgery with Versius®, a next-generation surgical robot.

Headquartered in Cambridge, United Kingdom, CMR is committed to working with surgeons, surgical teams and hospital partners, to provide an optimal tool to make robotic minimal access surgery universally accessible and affordable. With Versius, we are on a mission to redefine the surgical robotics market with practical, innovative technology and data that can improve surgical care.

Founded in 2014, CMR Surgical is private limited company backed by an international shareholder base.

