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Leading urology clinic in France installs Versius to accelerate its robotic surgery programme

- Clinique Urologique Nantes-Atlantis will use Versius for cancerous and benign urological procedures

CAMBRIDGE, UK – 16 October 2023, 00:01 (BST). CMR Surgical (CMR) – the global surgical robotics business – has today announced the installation of the Versius surgical robot in Clinique Urologique Nantes-Atlantis.

Located in Saint-Herblain near Nantes, Clinique Urologique Nantes-Atlantis is a nationally and internationally renowned institution in the field of urology. The installation of Versius affirms the hospital’s commitment to strengthening its robotic surgery programme for the benefit of patients.

“Flexible and versatile, the Versius surgical robot has the advantage of combining performance with ease of learning,” explained Camilla Belbeoc’h, General Manager of the Nantes Atlantis Urological Clinic.

“Versius is the only small, modular and portable surgical robot on the market, making it easy for surgical teams to utilise. It can easily be moved between operating rooms to suit schedules and workflows. Because of its open console, Versius also helps to optimise communication during surgery. All these assets are beneficial to caregivers and patients alike.”

“Another significant advantage of CMR’s offering, was its flexible approach to financing, which has helped to standardise the costs of robotic-assisted surgery for our clinic.”

After completing CMR’s metrics-based training programme, the first surgeries with Versius have taken place, including prostatectomies, nephrectomies and cystectomies.

“Initial feedback has been excellent,” said Thierry Rousseau, President of the Medical Committee, Clinique Urologique Nantes-Atlantis. “The performance of the system, both in terms of ergonomics and digital analysis of procedures will allow us to successfully and continuously pursue our mission to offer the best in surgery to our patients.”

Versius is part of a wider digital ecosystem that helps surgical teams to gather robotic telemetry data, procedural videos and the clinical context of a case within the CMR clinical registry. This offers surgeons and hospitals a wealth of information about their surgical practice. CMR is committed to working with healthcare partners across the French market to support continuous surgeons’ learning and drive greater efficiencies in the healthcare system.

Patricia Chesnais, General Manager, France and Benelux, CMR Surgical, commented: “We always design the installation of a new robot in a spirit of partnership, with the objective of improving the health of patients, in the service of public health. That is why we are delighted to work alongside the highly qualified teams at Clinique Urologique Nantes Atlantis to bring the benefits of minimal access..."
surgery to more patients, thanks to Versius. This partnership, with such a centre of excellence in Europe, and among the leaders in its discipline in France, is an important step for CMR.”

Versius has now been used to perform more than 15,000 clinical cases across more than 130 surgical procedures in multiple surgical specialties. Clinique Urologique Nantes-Atlantis joins a number of leading hospitals across the world that have adopted the system, with more than 140 systems being used around the world, including at Royal Papworth NHS Foundation Trust, Policlinico di Milano and Sint-Franciscus Hospital in Belgium.

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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, CMR has the opportunity to collect valuable performance data, which can provide insight into a surgeon’s surgical performance, and which may allow for refinements of surgical technique, possibly leading to improved surgical outcomes and safety.

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.