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## Laparoscopic assisted vaginal hysterectomy with voice controlled ViKY<sup>®</sup> robot in Hertfordshire

On March 1<sup>st</sup> the first voice controlled laparoscopic assisted vaginal hysterectomy at Spire Bushey Hospital was performed by Mr Malcolm Padwick.

Mr Padwick used **EndoControl's** ViKY<sup>®</sup> Endoscope Positioner during a complex gynaecological procedure – a laparoscopic assisted vaginal hysterectomy, bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy and posterior repair. Completely voice activated, ViKY<sup>®</sup> is directed by the surgeon using a headset similar to that of a mobile phone. The robot will hold camera equipment, normally held by a surgical assistant throughout long surgical procedures, supporting greater vision control, accuracy during surgery and potentially reducing time spent in theatre.

Mr Padwick is the region's leading gynaecologist specialising in cancer and regularly carries out complex laparoscopic cases. He says "The ViKY<sup>®</sup> robotic arm holds my 5 mm laparoscope perfectly still and stable. When required to move, it is a simple process of voice control via a computer and software package. A simple instruction produces an immediate accurate smooth and predictable response. As the surgeon, I am able to ensure that the operating field is always perfectly in view with the laparoscope following my instructions as voice commands. I feel the operation is completed with less stress, more accuracy and more quickly compared to using an assistant to operate the laparoscope. I now use the ViKY<sup>®</sup> robotic arm for all my intermediate and major cases."

Spire Bushey Hospital is only the second hospital in the country to adopt this technology, and the first in the private sector. The hospital is the busiest of the Spire Healthcare Group which is committed to investing in the latest surgical technology and the provision of acute care procedures that make it a leader in the independent sector.



## ABOUT ViKY®

The ViKY® system (Endoscope Positioner) received EC marking in 2007 and FDA clearance in 2008. Very versatile, it has been used in many kinds of endoscopic procedures: general surgery, bariatric, urology, gynecology and thoracic. Over 1,000 procedures have been performed with ViKY® worldwide: Germany, Italy, Austria, France, Spain, the Netherlands, Sweden, the U.K, the U.S., Canada, South Korea, Taiwan, India...

## ABOUT EndoControl

**EndoControl** is an innovative company specializing in advanced laparoscopy. Our mission is to enhance clinical progress by designing state-of-the-art solutions for laparoscopic surgery.

Since 2006, **EndoControl** has been expanding its distribution network worldwide in more than 16 countries (including the USA, Canada, Europe, South Korea, Taiwan and India).

**EndoControl** has developed strong collaborative research partnerships which will lead to the release of new instrument products in a few months. In line with **EndoControl**'s product vision, this instrument platform will be innovative, compact and will improve the ergonomics of minimally invasive surgical procedures.



## Spire Bushey Hospital

### About Spire Healthcare?

Spire Healthcare is the second largest private hospital provider in the UK with 37 hospitals and over 6,000 UK consultants practicing from our facilities.

Spire Bushey Hospital offers comprehensive private hospital services to patients from Hertfordshire, North London and surrounding areas. It is the busiest of the hospitals in the Spire network. For more information please visit [www.spirebushey.com](http://www.spirebushey.com) or call 020 8901 5518.

Mr Malcolm Padwick is a Consultant Gynaecologist at Spire Bushey hospital and also Secretary of the Ectopic Pregnancy Foundation. For more information about him please visit [www.gynaecology.me.uk](http://www.gynaecology.me.uk).

### About Mantis Medical

Mantis Surgical distributes high quality and innovative products to British hospitals for surgical applications. It operates primarily in the General Surgery, Vascular Surgery, Cardiovascular Surgery and Colorectal, Urology & Gynaecology sectors, representing world-leading manufacturing companies.

Mantis Surgical was established in 1996 and became part of the UD Group in 2003.

Products sold include laparoscopic and endoscopic instruments, bipolar cutting and coagulating forceps, laparoscopic clip appliers, tissue retrieval systems, retractor systems, laparoscopic port systems and vascular grafts.

Mantis Surgical has a single-minded commitment to delivering the highest quality medical devices for the most demanding healthcare professionals. Our obsession is Quality. Quality in service and quality of product.

Mantis Surgical employs a nationwide team of sales professionals to support our customers through distinct surgical divisions. The Company and its employees are committed to ensuring that we offer informed support, excellent and timely service and outstanding value.

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