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Medical Technologies

First single incision laparoscopic procedure with voice controlled ViKY[®] system in the U.S.

Dr. ESCOBAR uses ViKY[®] Endoscope Positioner during a single port laparoscopic Hysterectomy in Cleveland.

Dr. Pedro Escobar, gynecological oncologist at the Cleveland Clinic, told his new assistant ViKY[®] to move the laparoscope right, and then closer to the target and it moved precisely and exactly to where he wanted it to be.

Why is this unusual? Because ViKY[®] is a voice controlled motorized surgical assistant.

In another first at the Cleveland Clinic, Dr. Escobar became the first gynecologist to use this new voice controlled motorized assistant in the U.S.

Dr. Escobar used the new ViKY[®] XL from EndoControl to help him perform a Single Incision Laparoscopic (SILS) hysterectomy completely through the belly button. Dr. Escobar has performed over 400 SILS procedures to treat a variety of gynecological conditions. During SILS procedures the entire operation is performed through a single incision in the belly button, avoiding multiple incisions, visible scars and prolonged recovery times. Performing an entire operation through one small incision can create ergonomic challenges for surgeons.

“Human assistants take up valuable real estate in the surgical field especially during SILS procedures but by using specialized instrumentation such as ViKY[®], surgeons can perform SILS procedures more easily and efficiently. By taking advantage of the technologies that are available and learning how each technology works in combination with others, we can make SILS procedures available to more and more patients” said Dr. Escobar.



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Dr. Escobar spoke to ViKY[®] with a wireless microphone and ViKY[®] precisely followed his commands. ViKY[®] held the scope steady and completely out of Dr. Escobar's way, opening up the surgical field to allow for complete freedom of movement. The ViKY[®] XL system was designed specifically for performing SILS procedures. ViKY[®] XL facilitates SILS procedures as it holds and positions the scope and it enables solo surgery by removing the need for a human assistant.

By using ViKY[®], surgeons are able to precisely control the position of the laparoscope directly themselves versus having someone moving the scope to where they think the surgeon wants it to be, this makes procedures more efficient and ergonomic for the surgeon.

ABOUT ViKY[®]

The ViKY[®] system (Endoscope Positioner) received EC marking in 2007 and FDA approval 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).

Since 2007, **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.