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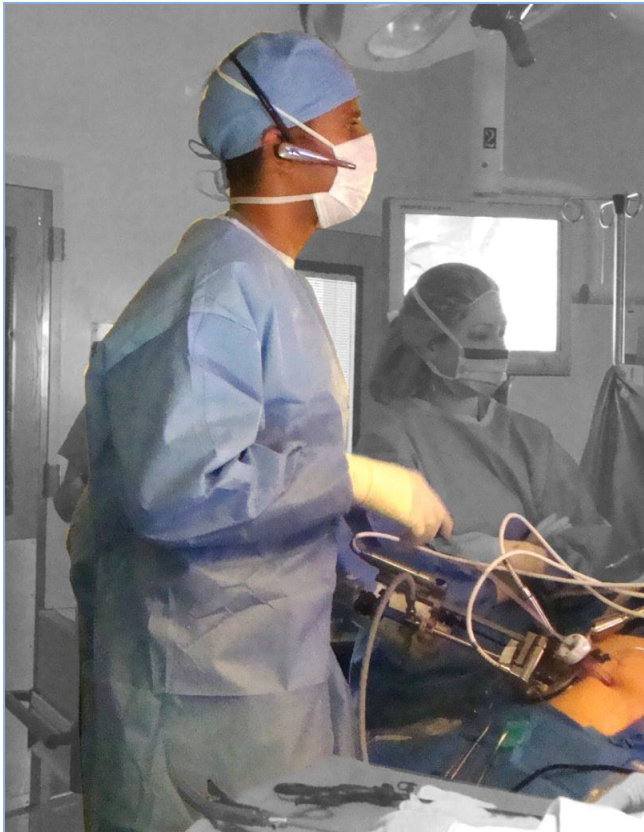
### First General Surgery case performed with voice controlled ViKY<sup>®</sup> system in the U.S.

*Summit Medical Group's Dr. Andrew Gumbs used ViKY<sup>®</sup> Endoscope Positioner during a laparoscopic gastrectomy on January 30<sup>th</sup> at Overlook Hospital in Summit, New Jersey.*

*A revolutionary new voice controlled motorized surgical assistant was used for the first time in the U.S at Atlantic Health's Overlook Hospital, in Summit, NJ.*

Summit Medical Group's Dr. Andrew Gumbs put on a wireless headset similar to the ones used every day for cell phones, and spoke to ViKY<sup>®</sup>, a motorized surgical assistant that was developed by **EndoControl** Medical in Grenoble, France.

ViKY<sup>®</sup> was designed to move and hold an endoscope, which functions as the surgeon's eyes during minimally invasive surgical procedures. ViKY<sup>®</sup> smoothly and precisely moved the endoscope around the operative site as per Dr. Gumbs' vocal commands. By holding and moving the endoscope exactly to where he wants it, ViKY<sup>®</sup> provides Dr. Gumbs with an extra hand during the operation enabling him to perform advanced minimally invasive surgical procedures such as the gastrectomy he performed today.



The ViKY<sup>®</sup> system is about the size of a small coffee can. It is attached to the operating table and is positioned slightly above the patient.

"ViKY<sup>®</sup> not only allows surgeons to precisely control the position of the scope, it also provides a stable image. Before ViKY<sup>®</sup> was developed surgeons had to hold and move the endoscope by hand. During advanced complex procedures this becomes very tiring and consequently image quality can suffer. This becomes very important as we are performing delicate maneuvers around critical structures. With ViKY<sup>®</sup> the image is rock steady and we can perform procedures more efficiently with less surgeon fatigue." stated Dr. Gumbs.

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He also said: “The extra hand that ViKY<sup>®</sup> provides helps the entire surgical team to be more efficient and helps to improve patient outcomes. In the future, advanced minimally invasive surgery will evolve with technology and motorized assistants such as ViKY<sup>®</sup>. This will enable us to do more advanced procedures and continue to improve patient outcomes. We are already using ViKY<sup>®</sup> to help us perform advanced Single Port Access procedures”.

**ABOUT SUMMIT MEDICAL GROUP**

Providing exceptional primary and specialty care since 1929, Summit Medical Group has pioneered information technology advances with its electronic health records and electronic prescribing program. With more than 225 highly qualified healthcare providers, it serves as a unique model of healthcare in New Jersey. Through its nationally recognized award-winning customer service program, Summit Medical Group treats more than 55,000 patients per month at its Berkeley Heights campus and area satellites in Bayonne, Berkeley Heights, Millburn, Shorts Hills, Summit, Warren, and Westfield. NJBiz magazine named Summit Medical Group one of the Fifty Fastest Growing Companies in New Jersey. Summit Medical Group is a member of the American Medical Group Association.

**ABOUT ViKY<sup>®</sup>**

The ViKY<sup>®</sup> 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<sup>®</sup> 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.