Albany Med Takes Robotic Surgery One Step Further

On Jan. 27, Dr. T. Paul Singh, chief of Minimally Invasive Surgery, and his team, including nurses and OR techs, successfully removed a diseased gallbladder through a single incision in a patient’s navel using the da Vinci robot.

This is the first single port, robotic assisted cholecystectomy performed in northeastern New York. The system, which enables surgeons to reduce the traditional number of incisions from four to six down to one incision that is less than an inch, is intended to reduce instrument crowding typically associated with hand-held, laparoscopic single-incision devices. Dr. Singh says he believes this will become the gold standard for minimally invasive surgery.