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The Oregon Clinic's Dr. Gilbert Klemann and Dr. Lance Marr complete training for the revolutionary robotic-assisted surgery

Robotic-assisted Surgery Now Available at The Oregon Clinic

PORTLAND, Ore. (March 24, 2008) The Oregon Clinic announced the availability of a minimally invasive method to treat patients diagnosed with prostate cancer robotic-assisted surgery. Dr. Gilbert Klemann and Dr. Lance Marr with the Urology Division of The Oregon Clinic now offer the da Vinci robotic prostatectomy.

Surgeons use robotic technology to remove cancerous tissue and at the same time spare nerves surrounding the prostate that control bladder and potency. This very precise surgery is performed through five small pen-sized holes in the abdomen. The procedure incorporates a state-of-the-art surgical system that helps the surgeon see vital anatomical structures more clearly and to perform a precise surgical procedure. The benefits are numerous for patients that meet the medical criteria for the minimally invasive procedure versus the open procedure.

Multiple clinical studies have shown that the da Vinci[®] Surgical System offers patients shorter hospital stay, less pain, scarring, risk of infection, blood loss, transfusions, and faster recovery, said Dr. Lance Marr. With this additional training, we can now offer the patients a choice in their surgical treatment options for prostate cancer.

If you are interested in learning more about the da Vinci[®] Surgical System at The Oregon Clinic, please contact The Oregon Clinic Urology Division at 503.215.2399.

About The Oregon Clinic

The Oregon Clinic is one of the largest private specialty physician practices in Oregon. An evidence-based, multidisciplinary organization, The Oregon Clinic provides the highest quality

care using a team approach to address medical conditions in the areas of cardiology, gastroenterology, neurology, pulmonology, urology, podiatry, otolaryngology, radiation and medical oncology, imaging, cardiothoracic surgery, and general and minimally invasive surgery. The Oregon Clinic is committed to provide the highest quality care, to practice data-driven medicine, to provide leadership for the healthcare community, and to offer respectful, compassionate service. It was founded in 1994 with the merger of several clinical groups in Portland, offering specialty care from Vancouver to Salem, and from Gresham to Astoria. The Oregon Clinic - Urology division is located at 5050 NE Hoyt, Suite 514, Portland, OR, and 10202 SE 32nd, Suite 702, Milwaukie, OR. Visit The Oregon Clinic website at www.orclinic.com.