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### ***Memorial Offers Free Test Drive of da Vinci Surgical System***

**OCTOBER 19** –Memorial Hospital will host an open house and free “test drive” of the hospital’s da Vinci Surgical System from 1 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19 at Memorial’s Main Entrance off of Bartlett Street. This event is free and open to the public. Join Memorial’s surgical staff for free demonstrations, prize drawings, giveaways and refreshments.

The da Vinci combines robotic and surgical technology to create an effective, minimally invasive alternative to both open surgery and laparoscopy. The da Vinci takes the best of what our experts have to offer in knowledge and experience and unites this with the most cutting-edge piece of equipment. As a result, physicians possess greater surgical precision, an increased range of motion, improved dexterity, and improved access.

The da Vinci Surgical System can be used to treat: endometriosis, gynecologic cancer, head and neck cancer, hysterectomies, kidney cancer and other non-cancerous kidney conditions, and prostate cancer.

The benefits to patients are numerous, and can include: better outcomes, less pain, shorter hospital stays, less risk of infection, less blood loss, fewer transfusions, less scarring, faster recovery, and fewer complications.

“Offering the most advanced surgical technology demonstrates our commitment to providing patients with world-class health care,” says Memorial Health System President & CEO Philip A. Newbold. “By placing the da Vinci in the highly capable hands of our surgical and clinical staff, we are not only transforming the quality of people’s lives, but we are also saving lives.”

As the most experienced da Vinci site in the region, surgeons have performed hundreds of these surgeries at Memorial. To learn more about this event, or to contact a da Vinci trained physician, please call The Health Professionals at 574-647-6800.

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