

*After the first two da Vinci robots in Bucharest,*

## **MedLife continues to invest in the field of robotic surgery and acquires a da Vinci X robot in the MedLife Polisano Hospital in Sibiu**

- *MedLife continues to invest in innovation, by purchasing the third da Vinci robot, which will function within the MedLife Polisano Hospital, its value reaching over 2 million euros. MedLife thus consolidates its position as the medical group with the greatest expertise in the field of medical robotics in Romania.*
- *With the help of the da Vinci X robot, for the first time in Sibiu, patients will be able to benefit from complex interventions for the treatment of a wide spectrum of conditions in the field of reproductive, gynecological, urological or oncological surgery.*
- *Interventions carried out through a robotic approach offer numerous benefits to patients, from reducing the risk of intra- and postoperative complications, minimizing pain and extremely fast recovery.*
- *For the next period, MedLife plans new technology projects and investments in innovation, such as robotic surgery. At present, no less than four hospitals in the group have navigation surgical robots in neurosurgery and three da Vinci robots. MedLife also launched, last fall, for the first time in Central and Eastern Europe, the transport of biological samples by drone.*

**Sibiu, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024** - MedLife, the largest private medical services network in Romania, continues to strengthen its expertise in the field of robotic surgery, with the purchase of the da Vinci X robot, within the MedLife Polisano Hospital in Sibiu, the third da Vinci robot of the group. The investment of more than 2 million euros in the new equipment represents another step by which the operator meets the needs of patients with innovative solutions that lead to an increase in the quality of the treatments offered. The first robotically assisted interventions at the MedLife Polisano hospital already took place on January 5<sup>th</sup>.

According to specialists, the da Vinci X robotic system is a fusion between conventional laparoscopic technique and high-precision robotic technology. This complex system is an extension of the surgeon, which, thanks to the four multi-articulated arms and a special technology, allows the translation, in real time, of the doctor's indications into movements of great finesse and precision, far superior to human movements.

Beyond the opportunities from the doctors' perspective, robotic surgery offers many more advantages to patients, especially compared to conventional surgical approaches. Interventions performed with the da Vinci X robot involve making very small incisions, with minimal aesthetic effects, but also reducing the risk of intraoperative complications, bleeding or infections.

*„The best care we can offer our patients today is ensured by the experience of good doctors, together with the latest technology. As leader of the private medical market in Romania, we constantly invest in innovation, in order to provide our patients with medical services at the same standards as in Western European countries. With the purchase of the third da Vinci robot, we continue to bring the advantages of robotic surgery closer to our patients and in the central area of the country. In fact, this is another step we have taken with the aim of consolidating a high-performing medical hub in this region, after at the end of last year we*

*marked the opening of the first private center in Transylvania, with permanent outpatient and hospital services available 24/7", said Dr. Nicolae Marcu, MedLife Group Health and Operations Director.*

### **Robotic surgery brings advantages in many surgical specialties robotică**

The MedLife Polissano Hospital team that will use the new da Vinci X system consists of 11 doctors, who will be able to perform complex interventions, covering several specialties: general surgery, oncological surgery, gynecological surgery and urological surgery.

In oncological conditions, robotic technology has an important contribution, especially for solving difficult cases determined by the anatomical peculiarities of certain areas (narrow, deep, inflexible spaces), cases that could not be treated by means of classical or laparoscopic surgery. An example is the robotic approach in colorectal cancer, where the main benefit is the preservation of the pelvic nerves, which for the patient translates into the minimization of postoperative urinary and sexual complications.

In the case of patients with gynecological conditions, there are multiple advantages of robotic surgery, being used in uterine cancer, ovarian cancer, endometriosis or other types of genital cancer. With the help of the da Vinci X system, the doctor has access and visibility to perform very fine movements in deep areas of the pelvis through very small incisions, thus making possible the millimeter excision of tumors.

Also, the da Vinci X system is ideal for urological interventions that require special rigor, such as cases of prostate tumors, kidney and bladder tumors, malformations or adenomas. State-of-the-art technology gives the surgeon the control, precision and safety to remove affected tissue without damaging the surrounding nerves and blood vessels.

The da Vinci system installed in the MedLife Polissano Hospital in Sibiu is provided by SOFMEDICA.

*„It is really motivating to see how the MedLife Polissano hospital in Sibiu integrates the da Vinci robotic surgery program into its medical practice. The adoption of this advanced surgical technology will enhance MedLife Polissano's ability to provide medical services to an increased number of patients, while facilitating the performance of complex surgical procedures with superior accuracy and efficiency. The major benefits of da Vinci robotic surgery include improved precision during surgery, significantly reduced recovery time for patients, and decreased risks of postoperative complications, thus contributing to a higher quality medical act and faster patient recovery" notes Evangelos Kalamakis, Managing Director, SOFMEDICA.*

Currently, MedLife owns the largest and most complex network of private hospitals in Romania, with 17 hospital units in its portfolio, and continues the consolidation activities in this division, planning, in the next period, the opening of the new Nord-Provita hospital in Bucharest, the MedLife Medici's hospital in Timișoara and a niche hospital in Craiova.

All MedLife Group, hospitals have state-of-the-art technology, the best one at national level, among private operators. Next, MedLife plans new technology projects and investments in innovation, such as robotic surgery. At the moment, MedLife hospitals have da Vinci robotic surgery systems in Bucharest (Life Memorial Hospital and Nord Provita) and Sibiu (MedLife Polissano), the Brainlab system, the world's best performing robotic system in spinal surgery, available in a national premiere only at the MedLife Humanitas Hospital in Cluj, but also neuronavigation systems, available in the MedLife Group Hospitals in Bucharest, Sibiu and

Cluj. Over 35 accredited doctors perform annually hundreds of complex surgical treatments using a robotic approach, complying with maximum safety conditions. MedLife also launched, last fall, for the first time in Central and Eastern Europe, the transport of biological samples by drone.

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### **About the MedLife Medical System**

The MedLife Medical System started almost three decades ago, developed healthily and became the largest network of private medical services in Romania. The Romanian entrepreneurs that laid the foundations of this company, invested and got involved in order to bring a change in the Romanian health system, they believed in innovation and dared to aim as high as possible, to offer Romanian patients quality, professionalism, care and respect for their needs.

The company operates the most extensive network of clinics, one of the largest networks of medical laboratories, general and specialized hospitals and has the largest corporate client base for Health Prevention Packages in the country. It is also, in terms of sales, one of the largest private healthcare players in Central and Eastern Europe.

The MedLife Group has a successful track record of both organic and acquisition growth. Its strong and experienced management team has been able to create and manage these growth opportunities, gaining valuable knowledge and experience to enable it to find the best path for continued successful expansion.

Being a Romanian company with tradition, MedLife chose to list on the Romanian Stock Exchange, being a model of listings on the local capital market. It opened horizons, and through the corporate governance it has implemented, it inspired other local companies to choose this path and sustain the development of the Romanian capital market and economy. The shares issued by MedLife SA are admitted to trading on the regulated spot market administered by the Bucharest Stock Exchange, the Premium Category, with the trading symbol "M".

During the pandemic, MedLife managed to play an essential role in the society and gained a leadership status in monitoring the pandemic through active involvement in the research area. The company continues to invest in projects with impact on the local community, in technology, and infrastructure. It creates jobs and develops an ecosystem that contributes to the development and maintenance of a healthy Romania.