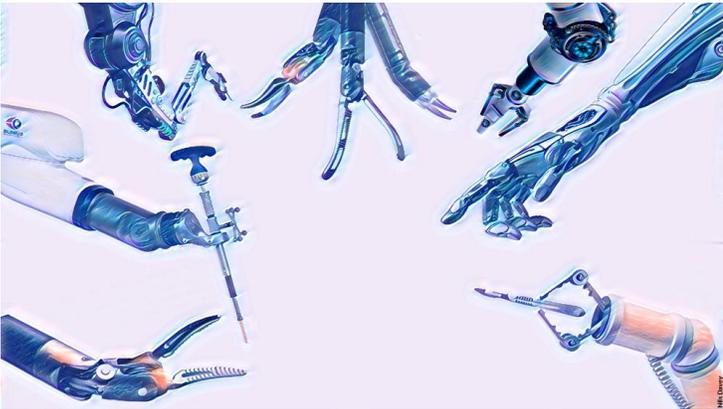


Medtronic announces launch of Mazor X Stealth

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Ireland based Medtronic has announced the first U.S. patients treated with the Mazor X Stealth(TM) Edition for spine surgery following its recent commercial launch.

The system was first used at Norton Healthcare in Louisville, Kentucky and Reston Hospital Center in Reston, Virginia.

Jeffrey Gum, Orthopedic spine surgeon at Norton Leatherman Spine said, "It is rare that huge sectors of technology such as robotics and navigation merge into a sole platform as found in the Mazor X Stealth Edition. Combined, these may provide more predictable and reliable execution of our procedure workflows. Computerized surgical planning, 3-D assessment of spine anatomy, robotic guidance and live navigation feedback are designed to provide a higher degree of accuracy throughout the surgical procedure."

Co-developed between Medtronic and the recently acquired Mazor Robotics, the Mazor X Stealth Edition incorporates Stealth(TM) software technology into the Mazor X(TM) robotic-assisted surgery platform to deliver workflow predictability and flexibility through real-time image guidance, visualization and navigation informed by interactive 3-D planning and information systems

Christopher R. Good, Spine surgeon at Reston Hospital Center, director of Scoliosis & Spinal Deformity and president of The Virginia Spine Institute said, "The marriage of robotics and navigation represents the future of computerized planning and execution in spine surgery. Robotics and navigation have both been shown to improve accuracy and precision in spine surgery."

"The Mazor X Stealth Edition is a revolutionary new technology that uses cutting-edge software to plan the surgical procedure, then uses a robotic arm to guide implants and instruments through the steps of the surgical procedure with precision, while simultaneously using real-time imaging feedback to ensure the plan is being carried out as desired", he added.

Geoff Martha, executive vice president and president of the Restorative Therapies Group at Medtronic said, "As part of our Surgical Synergy strategy, we believe Mazor X Stealth Edition will accelerate the advancement and adoption of robotic-assisted and navigated surgical technologies in spine. Medtronic is committed to transforming the future of spine care by offering procedural solutions that integrate implants, biologics and enabling technologies like navigation, 3-D imaging,

robotics and powered surgical tools."

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