



# ROBOTICS IN MEDICINE: WHO'S HOLDING THE KNIFE?

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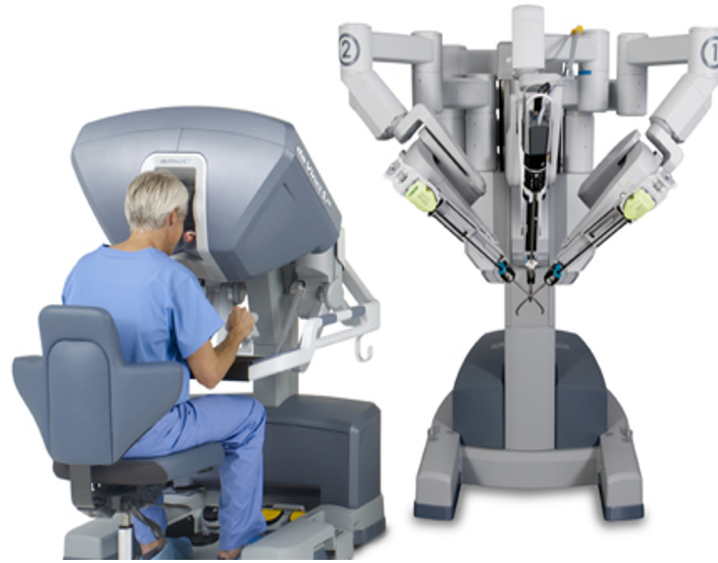
# Why Robots?

Table 1. Advantages and disadvantages of humans and autonomous robotic systems

	Human	Robot
Advantages	Good judgement Adaptable and able to improvise Able to use qualitative information Easy to train Easy communication with humans	Good mechanical precision Untiring and stable Can work in hazardous environments Multimodal sensory integration
Disadvantages	Limited mechanical precision Prone to fatigue, tremor, inattention Cannot work in hazardous environments Limited quantitative abilities	No judgement No qualitative abilities Limited in haptic sensation Expensive

Yip, Michael, and Nikhil Das. 2017. "Robot Autonomy for Surgery." *arXiv Preprint*

# Surgical Robot Autonomy



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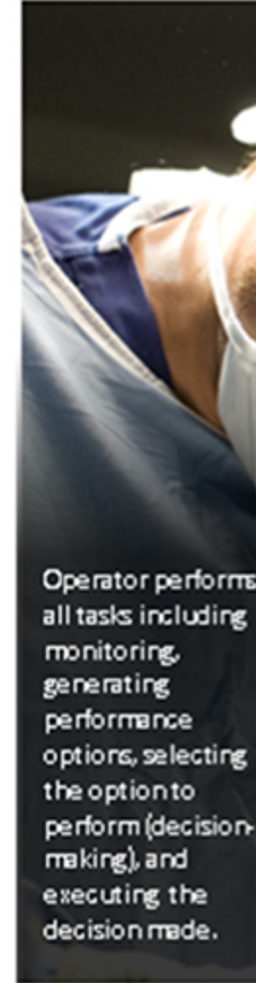
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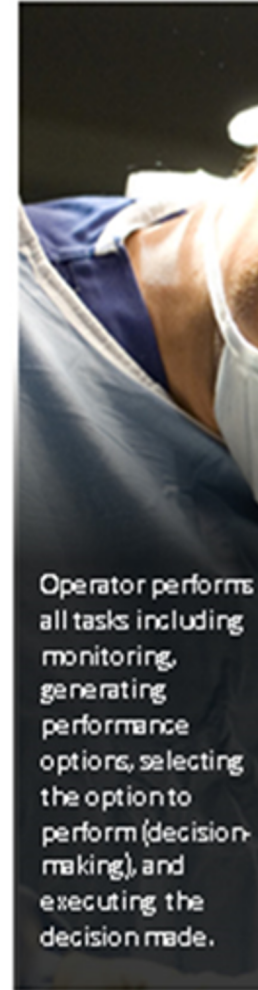
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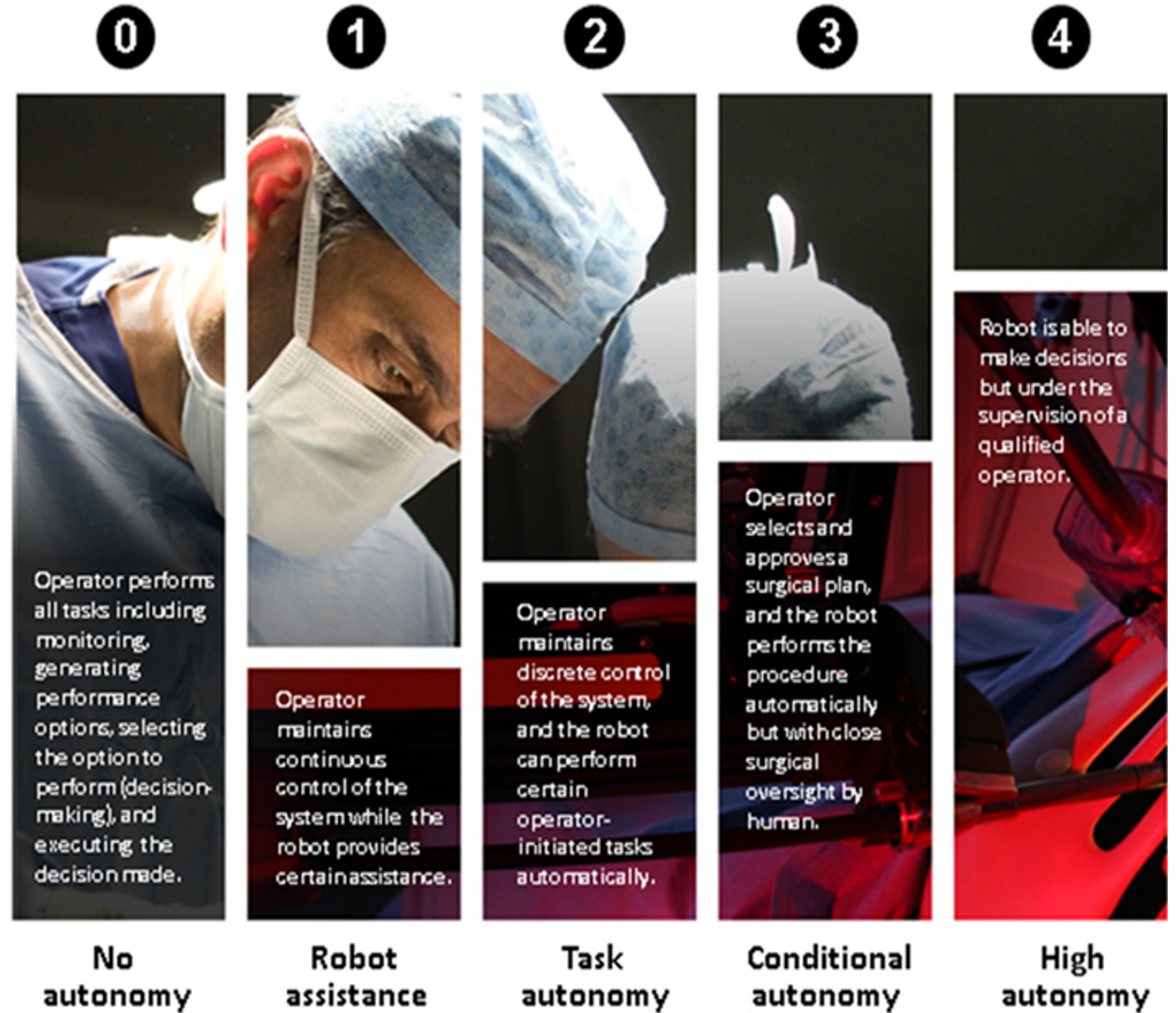
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Operator selects and approves a surgical plan, and the robot performs the procedure automatically but with close surgical oversight by human.

**Conditional  
autonomy**

# Surgical Robot Autonomy





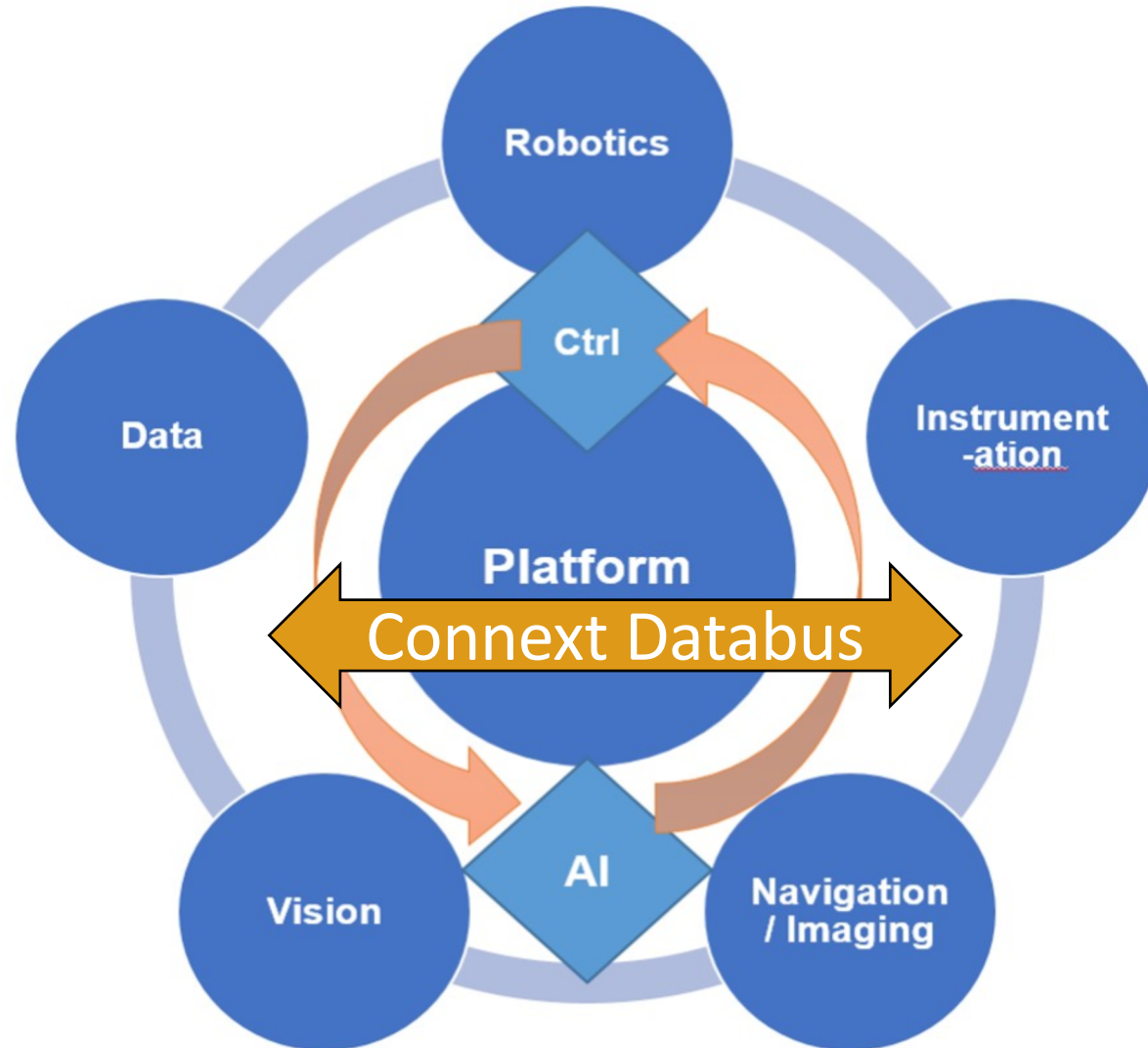
# Surgical Robot Autonomy



# Medical Robotics

## *Challenges*

- Near instantaneous Response
- Real-world model
- Modular
- Data-centric



# Market Segment Landscape

Global Medical Robotics Market		Market Size (US\$ billion)		CAGR% (2016 – 2022)
		2016	2022	
<b>Total</b>		<b>5.38</b>	<b>14.56</b>	<b>18.1</b>
Robotic Systems		4.82	12.90	17.8
Surgical Robots	<b>Total</b>	<b>2.90</b>	<b>7.73</b>	<b>17.8</b>
	Laparoscopy Surgical Robotic Systems	1.30	3.40	17.3
	Neurosurgical Robotic Catheters	0.69	1.75	16.8
	Orthopedic Robotic Systems	0.49	1.51	20.6
	Steerable Robotic Systems	0.42	1.07	17.1
Rehabilitation Services	<b>Total</b>	<b>1.12</b>	<b>2.85</b>	<b>16.9</b>
	Assistive Robots	0.39	0.92	15.3
	Therapeutic Robots	0.32	0.71	14.2
	Orthotics Robots	0.26	0.55	13.7
	Prosthetic Robots	0.11	0.30	17.4
	Exoskeletons	0.04	0.38	47.3
Hospitals and Pharmacies	<b>Total</b>	<b>0.80</b>	<b>2.32</b>	<b>19.5</b>
	Telemedicine Robots	0.34	0.91	18.0
	I.V. Robots	0.28	0.89	21.3
	Pharmacy Robots	0.18	0.52	19.1
Instruments and Accessories		0.56	1.66	19.7

Source: Scalar Market Research Analysis

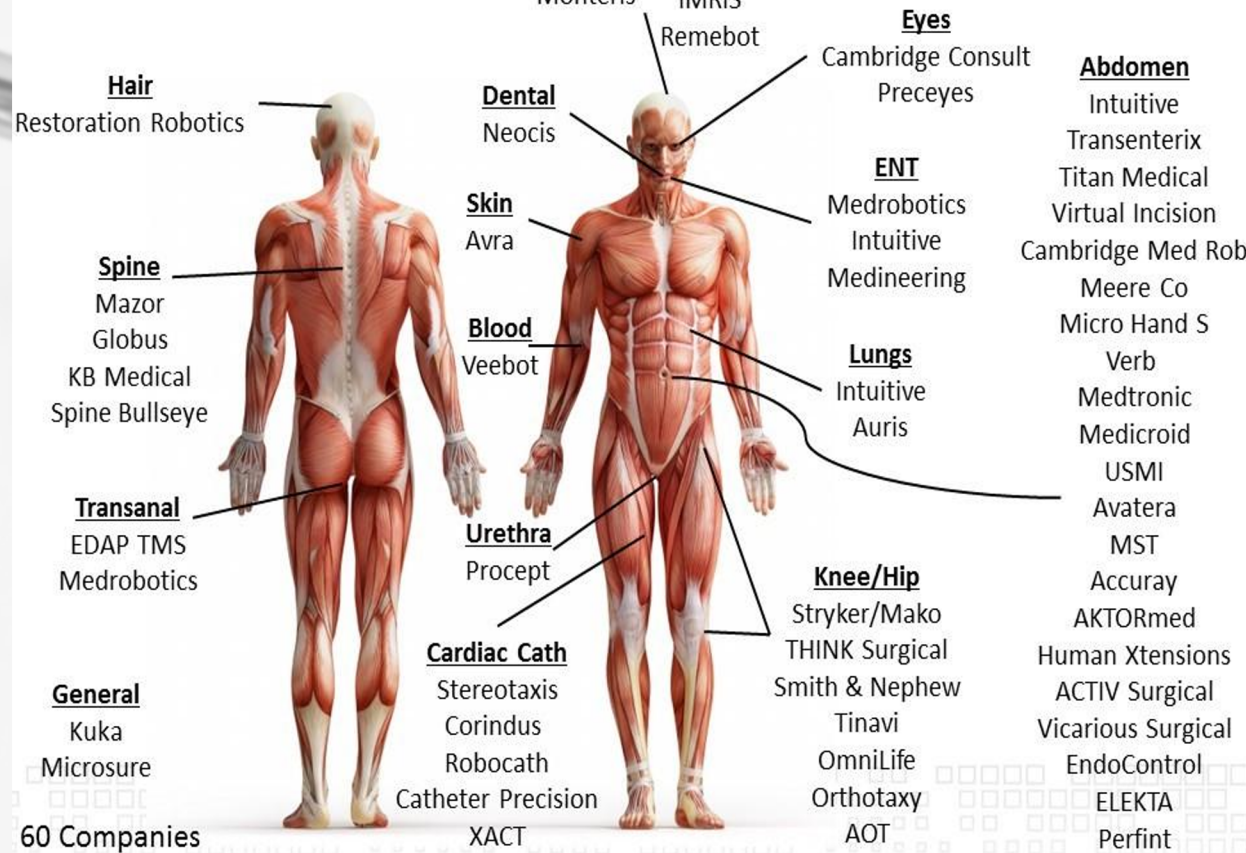
# Applications



- Neuro**
- Mazor
- Synaptive
- Medtech
- Monteris
- Renishaw
- Centauri
- BrainLab
- Varian
- IMRIS

## Surgical Robots

LinkedIn Robot-of-the-Day #ROTD



# Robotic Surgery



The Minimally Invasive Robotic Surgery (MIRS) system at DLR coordinates three robots to perform delicate heart surgery.

RTI enables new medical techniques.

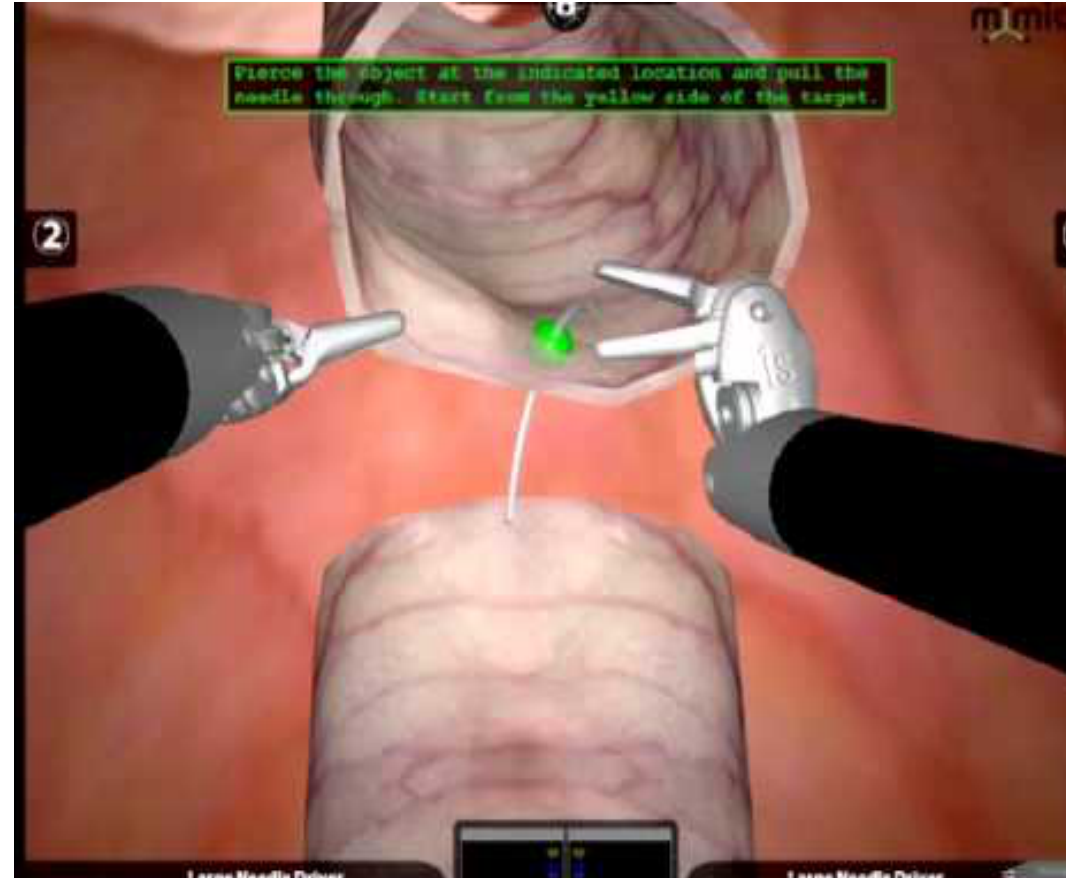
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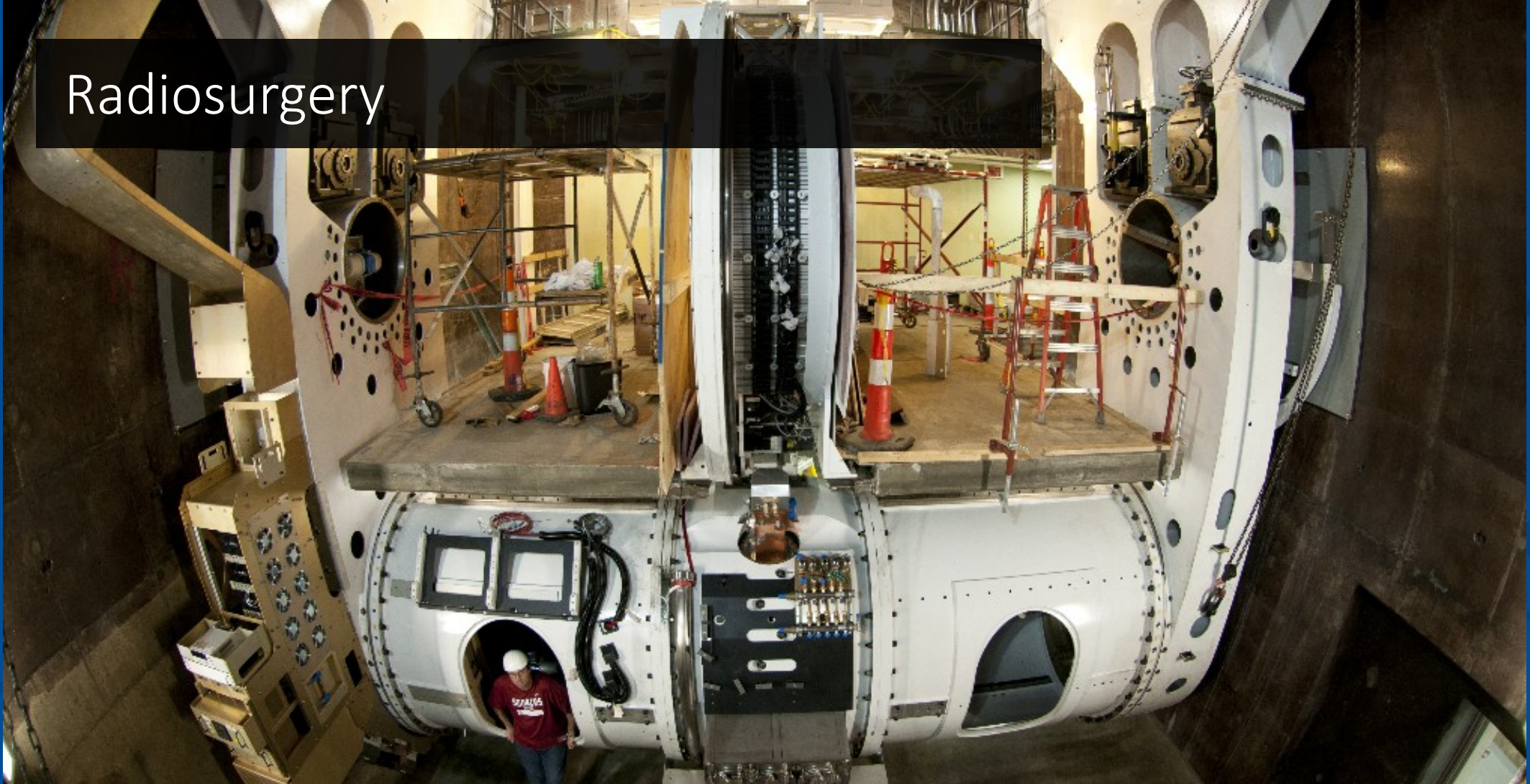
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# Radiosurgery



Mevion's Proton-Beam Radiation Therapy system zaps tumors with accelerated protons. The treatment must be continuous for 30-40 days; downtime endangers treatment success.

With Connex DDS, Mevion delivers dependable treatment at low cost.

# Medical Imaging & AI

AI supporting clinical decision-making

Initial focus of AI in medical imaging

- Inputs (images) and outputs (classification, segmentation) leverage AI foundations in computer vision
- Imaging data volume & availability
- Less variability in data format
- No patient interaction





# Medical Imaging & AI



DIAGNOSING  
ALZHEIMER'S  
DISEASE IN  
THE BLINK OF  
AN EYE

Ahead:

- Data access, privacy, security
- Black box
- Regulatory approval
- Healthcare & patient acceptance



**FDA approves AI-powered diagnostic that doesn't need a doctor's help**

IDx, April 2018

A stethoscope is shown in a top-down perspective, resting on a light gray surface. The stethoscope has a silver-colored metal chest piece with a circular diaphragm and a binaural with two earpieces. The tubing is black. The text "Current Topics in Medical Robotics" is overlaid in white, sans-serif font across the center of the image.

# Current Topics in Medical Robotics

# Laparoscopic Robots

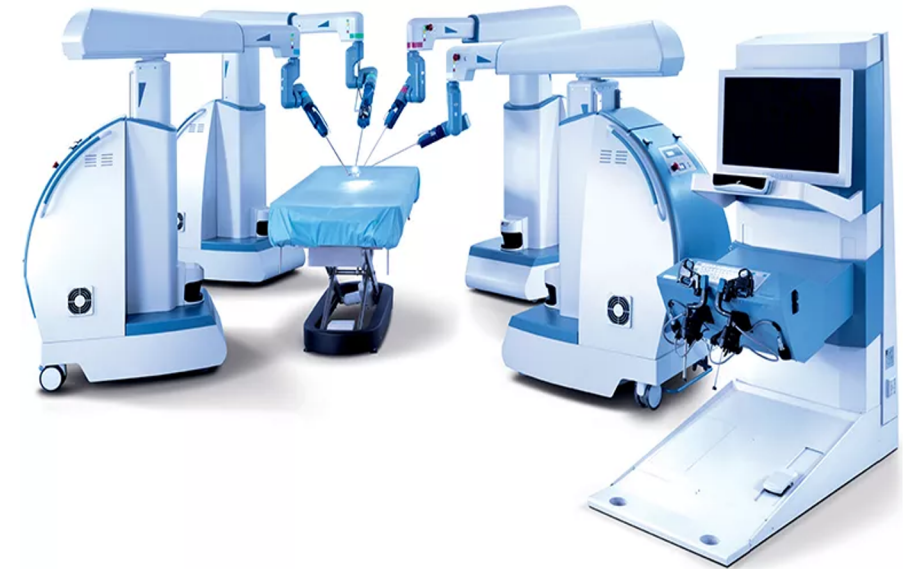
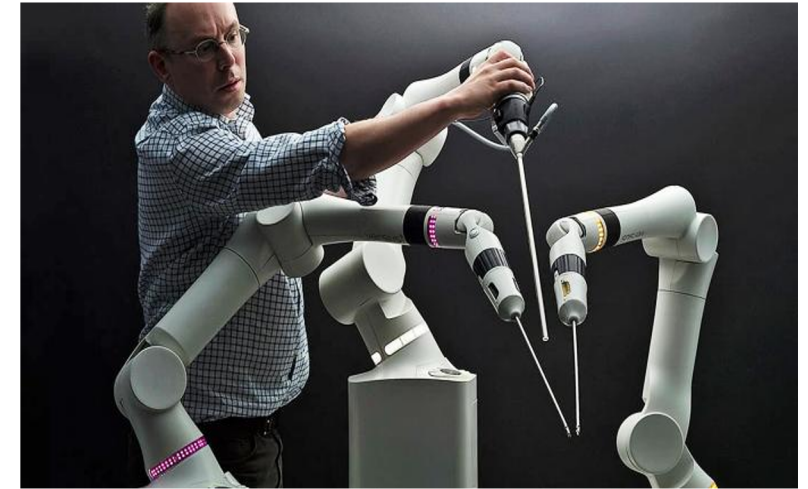


Titan Medical Sport Applications:

- Abdominal
- Cardiac
- Urological
- Gynaecology



**Intuitive Da Vinci**



**TransEnterix Senhance**

# Orthopaedic Robots



**Tinavi Phecda**



**Think Surgical  
TSolution One**



**AOT CARLO**



**Globus Excelsius GPS**



**Stryker Mako**



**Medtronic Mazor X**

## Applications:

- Partial & total knee arthroplasty
- Total hip replacement
- Spine procedures: pedicle screw insertion

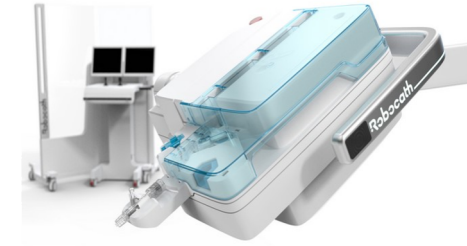


**BlueBelt Navio PFS**

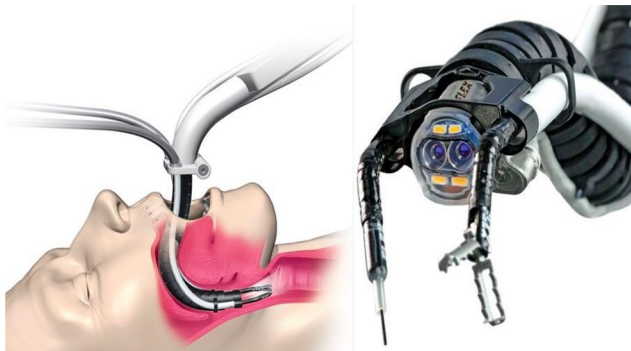


**Zimmer Rosa Spine**

# Endoluminal & Endovascular Robots



**Robocath R-One**



**Medrobotics Flex**



**Stereotaxis Epoch**



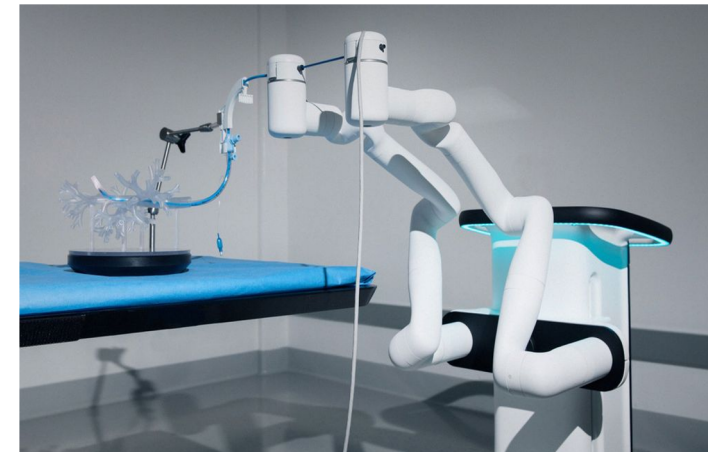
**Hansen Magellan**

## Applications:

- Bronchoscopy
- Cardiovascular & stroke
- Electrophysiology
- ENT



**Medrobotics Flex**



**Auris Health Monarch**


# Surgical Robotics Pros & Cons



## PROS

- Precision and accuracy in executing surgical plan
- Improved access to intervention site
- Reduces orthopaedic stress on user
- Reduces radiation exposure
- Training & Education: 2nd console, simulation
- Enables telesurgery

## CONS

- Limited clinical evidence
  - Lack of tactile feedback
  - Cost
  - Bulk and limited access to patient
  - Limited device/implant options
  - Limited to subset of procedures
  - System setup
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# Closing

- Number and variety of Medical Robotics applications are exploding
- Good data drives positive patient outcomes
- Developers want to focus their efforts on applications
  - They need a platform that allows them to do that
- RTI Connex DDS:
  - Enables autonomy in the real world
  - Provides super-reliable operation with high-speed control
  - Connects many heterogeneous system together
  - Enables (coming soon) high-fidelity remote WAN operation
- Connex DDS can provide a basis for all types of autonomy

# Thank You!

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