TORS (transoral robotic surgery)

For HPV-related oropharyngeal cancers





The human papillomavirus (HPV) is the most common sexually transmitted disease in the United States.¹



HPV can be **transmitted through oral sex** and cause cancer to develop in the head and neck.



Oropharyngeal cancer **develops in the throat** and includes the back of the tongue, soft palate, tonsils and inner walls of the throat.



70% of oropharyngeal cancers are associated with HPV.¹



Transoral robotic surgery (TORS) is a safe and minimally invasive option to treat HPVrelated oropharyngeal cancers

TORS is a minimally invasive, robotic surgery that replaces the need to perform a mandibulotomy, a procedure that requires a surgeon to cut through and reconstruct the jaw to reach cancer in the back of the throat. By performing TORS using the da vinci® SP System, your surgeon can remove a tumor by navigating the robotic system through your mouth and down the back of the throat, without having to make an incision.

Key benefits of TORS

- Quicker recovery time than more invasive procedures
- Less long-term swallowing, eating or speaking problems
- Typically shorter hospitalization following the procedure
- Less risk of infection and need for blood transfusions
- Decreased likelihood of needing a tracheostomy (a hole made in the front of the neck and windpipe to aid with breathing during, and sometimes after, surgery)

Your TORS expert



Scott Larson, MD Board-Certified Otolaryngologist (Head and neck surgeon)

Dr. Larson is a fellowship trained head and neck surgeon who specializes in the management of benign and malignant tumors of the skin, salivary glands, nose/sinuses, oral cavity, pharynx, larynx thyroid and parathyroid glands. He has undergone extensive training to offer TORS and performed the first TORS procedure in Southwest Florida.



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