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PQ 20910/25 To ask the Minister for Health to list all the hospitals that currently use the Da Vinci surgical system, in tabular form. -Paul Donnelly

Dear Deputy Donnelly,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Robotic surgery represents the highest international standard of surgery worldwide. It is the most advanced form of “key hole” or “laparoscopic” surgery. The robot is secured or ‘docked’ to the patient and has 4 working arms, each requiring only an 8mm skin incision, to which operating instruments are attached. Once docked, the robotic arms and instruments are controlled by the surgeon who is positioned at a console nearby. The 3-dimensional view afforded the surgeon is unprecedented in surgery to date and superior to traditional 2-dimensional projections. The level of control, accuracy and versatility the console controlled instruments provide is unsurpassed and not achievable with other approaches

Hospital In-Patient Enquiry (HIPE) is a health information system, managed by the Healthcare Pricing Office (HPO) of HSE Finance and is designed to collect clinical and administrative data on discharges from, and deaths in, acute public hospitals in Ireland. HIPE discharges are clinically coded from charts in the hospitals, this includes translating medical terminology into alpha-numeric code and using the entire chart to extract the conditions and procedures to create an adequate picture of the patient's health care encounter.

Please see the included Excel file provided by HIPE detailing a list of hospitals with discharges that has a robotic-assisted intervention code in HIPE in 2024. I have been advised that the list of hospitals is based on the latest available HIPE data, which is the 2024 data. The data provided covers all robotic systems available and cannot define the surgical system utilised in each of the relevant hospitals.

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours Sincerely,

Nessa Lynch
General Manager
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Notes:
In-patient and day case discharges are reported only; ED and out-patient attendances are not recorded on HIPE.
Diagnosis and Procedures are coded using ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS (from 2024 12th edition is used).
ICD-10-AM is the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, Tenth Revision, Australian Modification.

Table: The list of public hospitals with discharges that has a robotic-assisted intervention code* in HIPE in 2024

Hospital Name
Beaumont
CUH
Limerick
Mater
St James
St Vincents
Tallaght
UCHG
Waterford

* The list of robotic-assisted intervention codes (ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS 12th edition):
96233-00 Robotic-assisted intervention, not elsewhere classified
96233-01 Robotic-assisted intervention, musculoskeletal system
96233-02 Robotic-assisted intervention, digestive system
96233-03 Robotic-assisted intervention, genitourinary system
96233-04 Robotic-assisted intervention, nervous system