

**Mayo Clinic Minute: First-of-its-kind surgery helping patients with lymphedema**

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<b>Alanna Rebecca, M.D.</b> <b>Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery</b> <b>Mayo Clinic</b>	“One of the best areas to get lymph nodes for transplant or lymph nodes for transfer is actually from the omentum.”
	The omentum is a membrane of fatty tissue that lines your abdominal cavity. Traditionally, a lymph node transfer in that area required laparoscopic surgery, a large incision, and any risks and postoperative side effects that might come with it.
	But a team of surgeons at Mayo Clinic in Arizona is now performing the next generation of this type of surgery — a first-of-its-kind procedure using what’s called a single-port robot.
<b>Dr. Rebecca</b>	“We are the only institution in the world that has ever done this procedure.”
<b>Chad Teven, M.D.</b> <b>Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery</b> <b>Mayo Clinic</b>	“We make a 2.5- to 3-centimeter incision — just one incision — through which a single port robot can then enter into the abdominal cavity and facilitate harvest of the omentum.”
	This new, minimally invasive procedure allows surgeons to be more precise and improve patient outcomes while relieving their lymphedema symptoms.
<b>Dr. Rebecca</b>	“There are hundreds of thousands and potentially even millions of people who could benefit from these procedures.”
	For the Mayo Clinic News Network, I’m Jason Howland.