



Mayo Clinic Minute: Improvements in prostate surgery

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	About 1 in 8 men in the United States will be diagnosed with prostate cancer during their lifetime. Many of those patients undergo surgery to get rid of the cancerous tumor.
	"Most of the time, prostate cancer is a slower-growing type of tumor."
	Dr. Matthew Tollefson says surgery is a common option for many men, especially if the cancer is contained in the prostate.
Matthew Tollefson M.D. Urology Mayo Clinic	"Surgery is a common treatment for prostate cancer, especially when we can confirm that the tumor is contained to the prostate. Obviously, physically removing it could then cure one from cancer."
	Medical innovation has improved cancer removal procedures, and now there's an upgrade to robotic prostate surgery.
	"Instead of all of the instruments coming in through separate incisions, they come in through a single incision, and the robot is able to then branch out within the abdomen and remove the prostate that way."
	He says patients have a faster recovery and reduced pain with the single-port robotic procedure.
	For the Mayo Clinic News Network, I'm Sonya Goins.