

Jipmer crosses 1000-mark in robotic surgeries

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Jipmer has gone past a thousand robotic-assisted surgeries (RAS) within five years of installing a state-of-the-art equipment.

According to the hospital, around 60% of patients who had undergone RAS, a minimally invasive procedure that helps patients return to their everyday life much faster than open surgeries, hailed from Tamil Nadu while 30% were from other southern states.

As of now, Jipmer has clocked 1,300 RAS procedures since installing the



Jipmer doctors have given a fillip to robotic surgeries for treatment of various medical conditions. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

equipment, making it possibly the first government sector institution to do so in south India, it said.

Beneficial to all

Lalgudi Narayanan Dorairajan, Medical Superinten-

dent, Jipmer, said the advent of cutting edge technology in the Indian market made it all the more imperative to ensure that its benefits reached all sections of the patients.

More than 90% of Jipm-

er's patient base belongs to the lower income group, and they include many who benefited from robotic-assisted surgery, he added.

Rising demand

Mandeep Singh Kumar, vice-president and general manager, Intuitive India, the surgical robotics company that developed the Da Vinci system used at Jipmer, said the rising demand for robotic-assisted surgery in India over the last few years, has been driven as much by the potential for improved patient outcomes as the will-

ing adoption of the latest technology to best serve patients.

Reducing the chance of infection makes it an ideal procedure for people with co-morbidities, he also added.

He expected more Government institutions to perform more robotic-assisted surgeries.

A pool of around 25 surgeons from different disciplines skilled to perform RAS with the advanced system have tackled conditions associated with various cancers and complex paediatric surgeries, hospital said.