

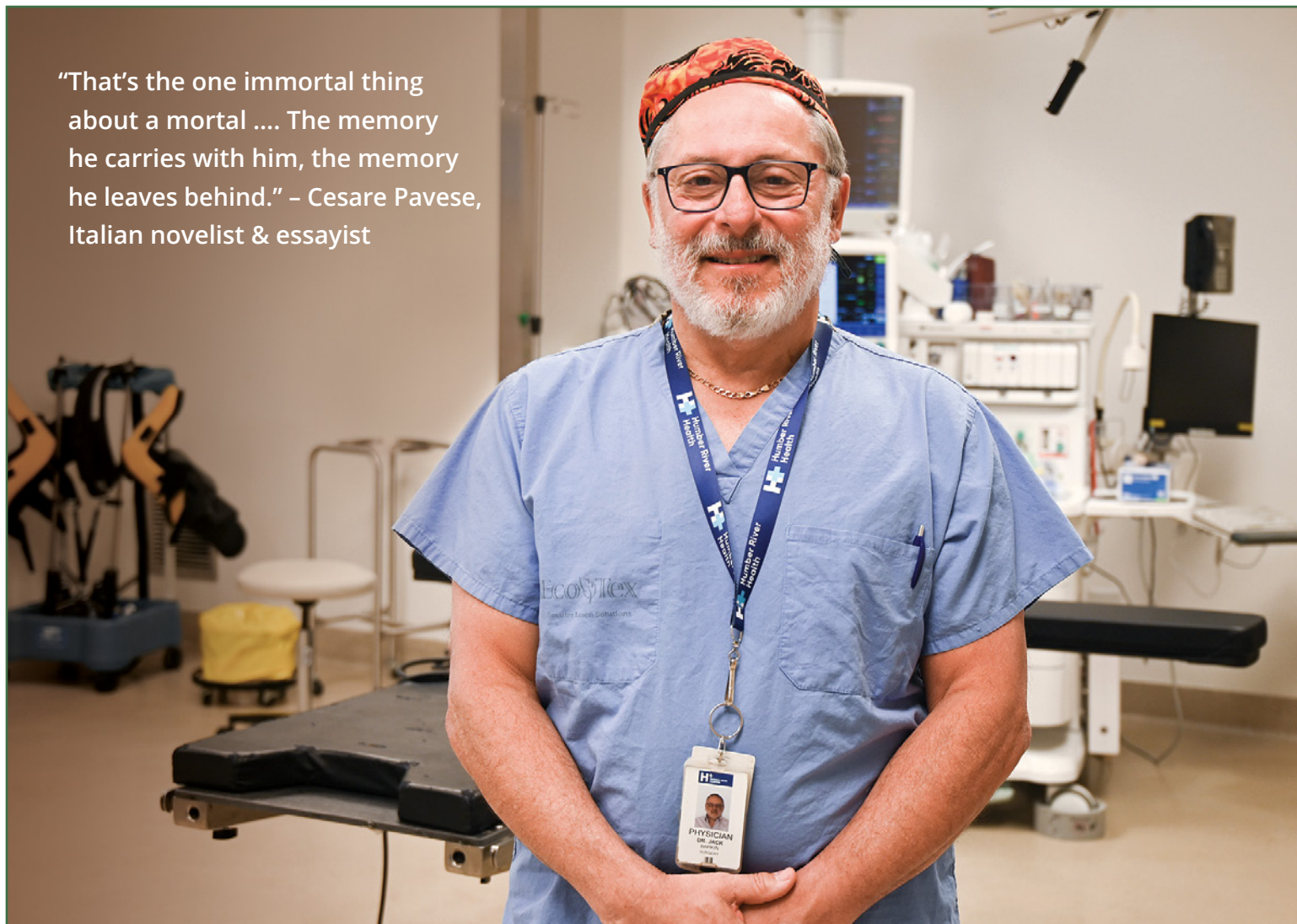


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Dr. Barkin, you created a wealth of memories for patients, their families and colleagues during your 42 years at Humber River Health. Your knowledge and passion for using robotic technology to enhance patient outcomes is unequalled; the legacy you leave behind is undeniable. A heartfelt *grazie mille*, from us all.

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# Evening Programme

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Official Welcome and  
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National Anthem

Ceremonial Toasts

Grace

*Monsignor Owen Keenan*

First Course

*Antipasto tower of grilled eggplant, zucchini, tomato and mozzarella topped with prosciutto and drizzled with basil-infused oil and balsamic glaze.*

Second Course

*Casarecce al sugo. Traditional short pasta dressed in tomato sauce.*

Raffle Draw

Performance

*Claudio Santaluce, Singer & Musician*

Main Course

*Grilled French cut veal chop with potatoes, seasonal vegetables and insalata Montescassino.*

Keynote Presentation

*Dr. Lazar Klein, MD, MSc, FRCS(C)*

Live Auction

*Martin Ross, Auctioneer*

Dessert

*Crêpe with vanilla gelato and raspberry sauce, topped with fresh berries. Served with espresso, coffee or tea.*

Remarks by Evening's Honouree

*Dr. Jack Barkin, MD, FICS, FACS, DABU, MCertHM, CCHL, CCPE, FRCS(C)*

Closing Remarks

*Sam J. Ciccolini and Fausto Gaudio*



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**Welcome, Benvenuti.** Thank you for joining us this evening in celebration and support of Humber River Health's innovative Robotic Surgery Program. This Community Builders Tribute event is also a time to honour one of the earliest champions of the Robotic Surgery Program - Dr. Jack Barkin. A visionary, urologist and surgeon, Dr. Barkin recently retired after a storied 42-year career at Humber River Health.

While the public health system continues to experience considerable strain, it remains an exciting time at Humber River Health – North America's first fully digital hospital. At Humber, teams quietly focus on delivering a leading-edge model of healthcare, where clinical expertise and groundbreaking technology in minimally invasive surgery, come together to deliver the best possible patient care.

An unparalleled success since launching in 2012, Humber's Robotic Surgery Program treats more patients, in less time, and with better outcomes than traditional surgical procedures. Operating across three sites for the benefit of more than 850,000 residents, Humber is one of the busiest Acute Care Centres in Ontario. The Robotic Surgery Program is a remarkable example of how Humber Doctors, Nurses and staff work every day to champion new and successful approaches in healthcare.

These new methods would not be possible without the generous support of donors. Surprisingly, the Robotic Surgery Program is entirely donor funded; it receives no financial support from the government. With tonight's strong turnout, we hope you will join us in encouraging our political leaders to reconsider this funding position.

On behalf of the event organizing committee, we acknowledge with gratitude, the generosity of the Community Builder Tribute's many sponsors, donors and supporters who stepped up to make this evening such a success.

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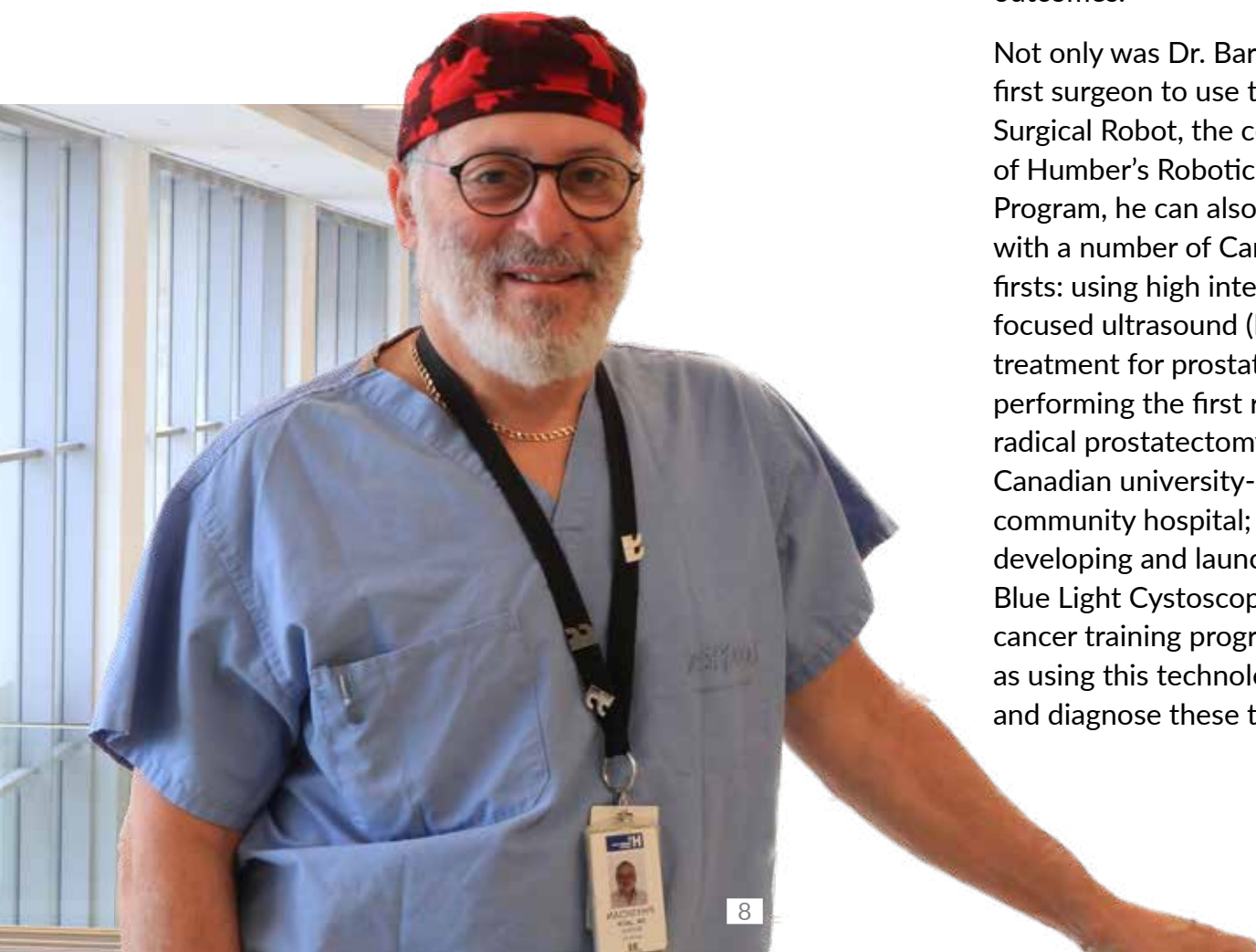
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# About Dr. Jack Barkin,

MD, FICS, FACS, DABU, MCertHM,  
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With his trailblazing spirit, Dr. Jack Barkin has led Humber River Health's quest to be at the forefront of innovation, particularly in robotic surgery. He has been an advocate for introducing groundbreaking technology in minimally invasive surgery, all of which has had a significant and positive impact on patient recovery times and outcomes.

Not only was Dr. Barkin the first surgeon to use the da Vinci Surgical Robot, the centrepiece of Humber's Robotic Surgery Program, he can also be credited with a number of Canadian firsts: using high intensity-focused ultrasound (HIFU) treatment for prostate cancer; performing the first robotic radical prostatectomy at any Canadian university-affiliated community hospital; and both developing and launching the Blue Light Cystoscopy bladder cancer training program, as well as using this technology to find and diagnose these tumours.





Recruited by Northwestern General Hospital, one of Humber's legacy sites, in 1982, Dr. Barkin held several positions at the hospital, including Chief of Staff, Chief of Surgery and Division Head of Urology. In these roles, he led the training of surgeons, as well as the expansion of the Robotic Surgery Program, inspiring physicians to follow him in expanding surgical horizons.

Dr. Barkin has attracted brilliant new surgeons to Humber River Health, growing the hospital's Urology Program in both size and innovation. Today, there are 10 urologists on staff; of these, three are women, which is rare.

Dr. Barkin is admired and appreciated by fellow physicians as well as the thousands of patients he has treated during his distinguished career.

His vast clinical research and publishing is impressive, and he has spoken all over the world on different aspects of urologic practice. He continues to lecture at the University of Toronto's Temerty Faculty of Medicine as a Clinical Professor in the Department of Surgery and is also as an Associate Professor in the Department of Urology at both the University of Toronto and Queen's University.



# It is not the destination, it's the journey.

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# Humber's Robotic Surgery Program: **At the Forefront of Innovation**

Fuelled by the team's trailblazing spirit, the Robotic Surgery Program at Humber River Health has been at the forefront of innovation. More patients have been treated in less time, and with better outcomes, using robotic surgical innovations.

For more than a decade, thousands of patients with the most complicated and risky medical needs, have travelled from far and wide to receive precision treatment from Humber's skilled surgeons, who guide the robots. The centrepiece of the program

has been the da Vinci Surgical Robot, a sophisticated piece of equipment acquired in 2012.

Since then, Humber has added ROSA®, a robot used for same-day knee replacements, and in another first-in-Canada, it introduced the Intellijoint HIP for total hip replacements in 2022. This state-of-the-art navigation system enhances the accuracy of incisions and implant placement during hip replacement procedures.

## **Looking to the future**

The time is now to expand Humber's Robotic Surgery Program. By upgrading to the newest da Vinci Xi model and adding a second ROSA, teams can quadruple the number of robotic surgeries performed each year. For everyone at Humber, this impressive journey of innovation is focused on delivering high quality care to help Canadians get back to their lives quicker.



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Consider these highlights:

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- Home to Ontario's first Centre of Excellence for laparoscopic bariatric surgery and also the first non-U.S. institution accredited by the American College of Bariatric Surgery as a Centre of Excellence.
- Home to Canada's first nocturnal dialysis program.
- First community hospital in Canada to purchase a da Vinci Surgical Robot and the Intellijoint HIP system.
- First surgical program in Canada to use the STERIS RealView patient-tracking system that sends out real-time alerts to family and caregivers.
- Has lowest surgical wait times in the province. 25,000+ surgeries performed each year. 65% are same day.
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# Featured Speaker:

## Dr. Lazar Klein,

MD, MSc, FRCS(C)

After completing a fellowship in advanced minimally invasive surgery, Dr. Klein joined Humber River Health in 2003. He was recruited to expand this particular program at the hospital.

Since then, Dr. Klein has worked, along with his partners, to push the limits of advanced laparoscopy, and now robotics. These efforts led to major advances in the treatment of gastrointestinal cancers and abdominal wall

reconstruction, and to the launch of the Bariatric Centre of Excellence at Humber, a first in Canada, and also the first non-U.S. institution to be accredited by the American College of Bariatric Surgery as a Centre of Excellence. Humber was the first site in the Greater Toronto Area to use the da Vinci Surgical Robot for difficult rectal cancers and remains the only site in Canada to treat gastric cancer robotically.

Dr. Klein is deeply involved in teaching, representing Humber at the University of Toronto; he is an assistant professor at the Temerty Faculty of Medicine. Humber has become one of the most sought-after sites for surgical education for medical students, residents and fellows.





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# Another First: Humber Brings Minimally Invasive HoLEP Prostate Surgery to the GTA

In November 2023, Humber River Health became the first hospital in the Greater Toronto Area to offer HoLEP, Holmium Laser Enucleation of the Prostate, a minimally invasive treatment for enlarged prostates.

“Enlarged prostates, medically known as benign prostatic hyperplasia or BPH, is a problem that affects nearly all men in their lifetime,” says Dr. Olivier Heimrath, urologist at Humber River Health. “HoLEP offers a minimally invasive solution for those with larger prostates.”

Prostates naturally enlarge as men age, which can lead to increased difficulty urinating – and, in some cases, the complete inability to urinate.

BPH is a widespread issue, affecting half of 50-year-old men and 80% of 80-year-old men. But up until now, minimally invasive treatments in the GTA were only available for men with smaller prostates. Think the size of a small plum. The only option for men with larger prostates, the size of a grapefruit, for example, was an open prostatectomy, which can come with increased medical risks, more blood loss and longer in-hospital stays.

The new HoLEP procedure at Humber is a minimally invasive approach that can treat these large benign prostate cases without the need for an incision from the outside. In this procedure, urologists employ a powerful laser to eliminate the

extra tissue from the prostate that is blocking urine flow, a process known as “enucleation”. After enucleation, the prostate tissue is removed by the surgeons using a piece of equipment called a PIRANHA morcellator. This breaks down the tissue into smaller pieces, which can then be gently removed through the urethra.

Under the leadership of Dr. Olivier Heimrath, Dr. Jack Barkin and Dr. Luke Fazio, Humber River Health is the first hospital in the GTA to offer this life-changing procedure to the patients who need it most.

“With this new HoLEP procedure, we can shorten hospital stays and perform the whole procedure without making an open cut, with much less chance of





*Dr. Jack Barkin, centre, performed the first HoLEP procedure with Dr. Olivier Heimrath, pictured left, and Dr. Luke Fazio, Division Head of Urology. Humber River Health became the first hospital in the Greater Toronto Area to offer this life-changing procedure to the patients who need it most.*

bleeding, less pain and a faster full recovery,” says Dr. Jack Barkin, who performed the first HoLEP procedure at Humber with Drs. Heimrath and Fazio. “It is much better for the patient and the healthcare system.”

“Bringing HoLEP to Humber coincides well with our new fleet of lasers,” says Dr. Luke Fazio, Division Head of Urology. “It’s

the next step in the evolution of treatment for enlarged prostates. I’m proud that we are now able to offer a procedure that hasn’t been widely available in our province and will be helping a large volume of patients.”

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**As this program matures, the HoLEP procedure at Humber will allow patients to get back to life sooner by:**

- Shifting the standard of care from a surgery requiring two days in-hospital to a minimally invasive procedure with same-day discharge.
- Enhancing safety measures, minimizing blood loss and achieving exceptional outcomes.
- Employing minimally invasive techniques without compromising precision.

**The difference will be substantial for patients.**

Patients benefiting from the HoLEP procedure at Humber will experience less pain, fewer complications and shorter hospital stays than those receiving the traditional open surgery.



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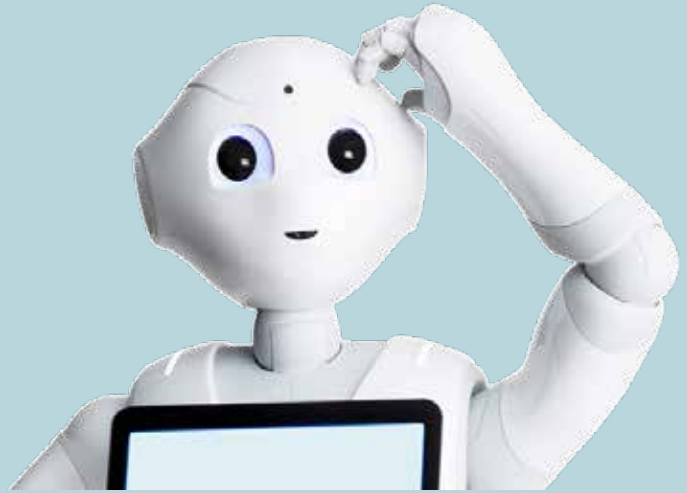
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# Say hello to Pepper!



Every day, this kid-sized humanoid robot can be found on Main Street, the main hallway linking the hospital's north and south entrances, helping direct visitors and answering their questions.

What you might not know is that another Pepper – the hospital actually has three in use – has been an important member of the team behind Humber's unique Child Life Program since 2016.

Launched in 1998 and refined over the years, this start-to-finish program is offered to kids younger than 18 years and to adults with developmental disabilities, as well as their families to help them prepare for surgery. Surgery can be scary, so to help deal with

anxiety, two trained child life specialists support patients and their families, answering questions so that they all feel more informed about the whole process and more empowered. Young patients can handle medical equipment like an anaesthesia mask and pulse oximeter in advance. The program team is further rounded out by surgeons and anaesthesiologists.

The time invested by the team before surgery to control stress and allay fears has led to one very impressive outcome. Since the program began, no family has cancelled surgery at Humber for emotional reasons. This is a markedly different result than for other pediatric surgery programs.

Through it all, Pepper has a special role to play in the Child Life Program: it interacts with young patients to teach them about their surgery, play games and even dance!

Introduced in Japan in June 2014, this semi-humanoid robot was manufactured by SoftBank Robotics and was designed with an ability to read emotions. The robot's head has four microphones, two high-definition cameras in the mouth and forehead, and a 3D depth sensor behind the eyes. There is also a gyroscope in the torso and touch sensors in the head and hands.



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# Bridget's Journey with the da Vinci Surgical Robot

Although she no longer lives in the area, Bridget has always thought of Humber River Hospital as her hospital. Her only daughter was born here, and all of her doctors are affiliated with Humber.

When Bridget was diagnosed with kidney cancer, it felt only natural for her to return to a place that felt like home for her treatment. Although she consulted with other physicians, Bridget was referred to Humber's renowned Dr. Jack Barkin who proposed a different course of action.

"Other doctors suggested a very invasive surgery that would have left me with a 12-inch scar and a lengthy recovery," explains Bridget. "But Dr. Barkin was very thorough in explaining a less invasive surgery that would remove the cancer without having to remove my kidney."

In mid-December 2016, Bridget arrived at Humber for her kidney

cancer procedure, all under the expertise of Dr. Barkin and the surgery team. Dr. Barkin used the da Vinci Surgical Robot to meticulously dissect the kidney and identify the cancerous lump. He used a special tool (a miniature intra-cavitary ultrasound probe) along with the robot to define the exact depth and margins of the cancer in the kidney.

As he worked, he was able to show Bridget precisely what would be removed and the healthy tissue that would be left behind.

"I was lying awake watching the procedure on this screen in the operating room," remembers Bridget.

Once the tumour was located, Dr. Barkin was able to remove the cancer. Using the da Vinci means that patients will receive the most minimally invasive procedures possible. They will experience less pain and fewer complications,

need a shorter hospital stay, recover quicker and return to their normal daily activities faster.

The day after the surgery, Bridget wasn't on any painkillers except Tylenol for a pesky headache, she was up and walking on the inpatient floor and was looking forward to going home the next day – only two days after surgery.

"Right before I went in for surgery, I said to Dr. Barkin, 'I'm putting all my trust in you.' And now, I'm so glad that I did. I have hope for the future thanks to Dr. Barkin, the staff at Humber and the wonderful donor that invested in the purchase of the da Vinci Robot."

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# Toronto's First Fully Robotic Bladder Cancer Surgery: David's Story



David's journey began when he noticed blood in his urine.

Concerned about his health, he turned to his family doctor for guidance. "My family doctor initiated the evaluation process, and I was initially referred to Dr. Young-Soo Peter Kong at Humber River Health," says David.

After a thorough assessment, the diagnosis was confirmed – bladder cancer. It was a devastating revelation that required immediate action.

Dr. Kong introduced David to his colleague Dr. Kevin Leung, a urologist at Humber who

would play a crucial role in his cancer surgery. "Dr. Leung discussed the treatment plan, which involved the removal of the bladder, prostate and lymph nodes," says David. "What struck me was when he brought up robotic surgery with the da Vinci Xi system, emphasizing the quicker recovery rates."

The da Vinci Surgical Robot, which is the centerpiece of the Murphy and Helen Hull Robotics Centre at Humber River Health, was recently upgraded to the newest Xi model thanks entirely to donor support. Without this upgrade, David's fully robotic bladder cancer

surgery – the first one in Toronto – would not have been possible.

As surgery day approached, David described the exceptional care he received from the medical staff at Humber. "They looked after me quite well! They were with me every step of the way, ensuring I felt comfortable and informed about the procedure."

On the morning of the surgery, he met with Dr. Leung and the entire surgical team. They went over the procedure, easing any anxieties David might have had. Nine hours later, David was awake and on the path to recovery.



*The da Vinci Xi Surgical Robot is the centrepiece of the Murphy and Helen Hull Robotics Centre at Humber River Health. David's surgery would not have been possible without the transformational generosity of donors.*

"Operating entirely with the da Vinci Xi allowed me to perform David's surgery in a much less invasive way compared to traditional bladder cancer surgeries," says Dr. Leung. "This means less pain for our patients and a shorter recovery time."

David praises the attentive care he received during his hospital stay. "I felt well taken care of," says David. "My team constantly monitored my condition, and the pain management was excellent."

With minimal incisions and constant attention to his urinary system, medication needs and

bandages, David's recovery was as smooth as it could be.

David's exceptional journey has been marked by the dedication and care of countless medical professionals who have supported him from the moment of diagnosis through surgery and recovery.

"I would rate my experience a 10 out of 10! The teamwork, expertise, and state-of-the-art technology made all the difference in my time at Humber!" says David.

Since his surgery, David has been working with Dr. Gautam Sudan, a medical oncologist at

Humber. According to testing, his cancer appears to be gone. However, for added protection, he is now undergoing amino-therapy, a measure he willingly embraces to safeguard his health.

"I'd like to express my heartfelt thanks to all the staff for the exceptional care I received, starting way back when I began chemo," says David. "Everyone was amazing throughout my journey from the start!"

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*Ralph & Lena Ciccia*

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In April 2023, Humber River Hospital celebrated an exciting milestone as surgeons completed their 1000th successful case with the life-changing ROSA® Knee System. Through donor support, Humber was the first hospital in Ontario to acquire ROSA in 2020. Ever since Dr. Sebastian Rodriguez-Elizalde's first case with the surgical robot that year, ROSA has been helping revolutionize orthopaedic surgery, restoring mobility and hope for many patients.

In addition to helping deliver even better knee-replacement outcomes, ROSA has created efficiencies that have helped the hospital address surgical backlogs. With donor support, the hospital now has a second ROSA robot, which has allowed for a doubling of its capacity for robotic knee surgeries.

# Humber Celebrates 1000th Case with ROSA Knee System: Claude's Story



*ROSA robotically guides surgeons during total knee replacements like Claude's, allowing for greater accuracy in positioning.*



Once a passionate outdoorsman, Claude's world had become painfully limited due to severe joint pain and swelling. Learning about ROSA's capabilities from a friend who underwent a hip surgery, Claude was inspired by the promise of a more active and fulfilling life. He was particularly captivated by the robot's precision, personalization and the potential for a swift recovery.

ROSA robotically guides surgeons during total knee replacements like Claude's, allowing for greater

accuracy in positioning. It adapts to surgeon workflow, and provides data-driven intelligence during the surgery. The ROSA knee implant also comes in standard and narrow sizes to match various patient ethnicities, genders and statures.


Under the skilled hands of Dr. Rodriguez-Elizalde and Humber's exceptional surgical team, Claude's surgery was a resounding success. Within hours, he was able to walk without pain and envision a future of hunting, fishing, and tending to his property once again.

Claude's experience exemplifies the profound impact that leading-edge technology, coupled with compassionate care, can have on patients' lives.

"Everyone communicated very well and explained everything to me thoroughly," says Claude. "It was 100% a good experience! I am very happy to have made this decision."

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**Dr. Barkin,**  
**You have been an innovator transforming**  
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# From Doctor to Patient: Herman's Journey with Intellijoint HIP

Dr. Herman Kupeyan (pictured below) remembers the feeling of disquiet that comes with a risky business venture. He specializes in reconstructive and implant dentistry and owns one of the busiest prosthodontist clinics in Windsor. Many years ago, he was faced with a choice: computerize his practice, or sell it and do something else.

"Looking back on it, it was a no-brainer," Dr. Kupeyan said. "The computer navigation technology we brought in allowed for more accurate procedures and reduced the time we spent in surgery. It was much better for patients and made our practice more efficient. But it was very costly. A big risk."

So when it was Dr. Kupeyan's turn to be the patient, he was drawn to a hospital that shares in his entrepreneurial spirit. He asked other specialists for

advice on where he should have his hip replacement. The feedback he received was consistent – Dr. Barry Cayen at Humber River Health.



## **Humber at the Forefront with Intellijoint HIP**

When Dr. Kupeyan met with Dr. Cayen, he was pleasantly surprised to learn that, thanks to

donors, Humber recently adopted a state-of-the-art computer navigation technology for total hip replacements. The Intellijoint HIP system allows surgeons like Dr. Cayen to more accurately place the prosthetic hip during surgery. This can help reduce certain complications after the procedure. It also eliminates the need for x-rays during surgery, which frees up that resource for other procedures in Humber's busy operating rooms.

"The outcome exceeded my expectations," Dr. Kupeyan said. "My pain before surgery was nine out of 10. And it wasn't just my hip, both knees were very sore. Immediately after surgery, the pain was down to about 0.5 out of 10. Dr. Cayen prescribed pain medication but I didn't take it. I took Tylenol to help with discomfort when I slept, but that was it. I was blown away, truly."

## Quick Recovery Post-Surgery

Dr. Kupeyan was back at work part-time two weeks after his surgery. This was a huge contrast to his friends who had hip replacements. The big difference – in addition to Intellijoint – is the surgical technique used by Dr. Cayen and his colleagues known as anterior approach. They access the hip from the front, which preserves the muscles and soft tissue around the joint. This results in a faster and less painful recovery for patients like Dr. Kupeyan.

“When I learned what Humber was doing, I was so excited

because I understood the impact computer navigation had on my practice,” Dr. Kupeyan said. “I also did research at the University of Michigan in this field many years ago. I knew then that computer guided surgery was the future and when I came to Humber, I could see they embraced that philosophy as well. But aside from the technology, I was also impressed with the whole experience, from the preparation before surgery to my recovery. Humber took care of everything. I know how important that is for patients. Believe me, it makes such a difference when you don’t have to ask for anything.”

## The Impact of Intellijoint HIP

Intellijoint HIP is just the latest technology introduced by Humber’s Orthopaedic Program. Dr. Cayen and his colleagues have established a culture of innovation, which means Humber is now a destination of choice for orthopaedic care in the Greater Toronto Area and beyond.

“Surgical technology is always changing, and it’s up to us as physicians to stay at the forefront of this change,” said Dr. Cayen. “There is risk involved and a lot of time spent with our teams retraining when new technology is brought in. We also depend on the generosity of donors, who provide the seed funding required to purchase new systems like Intellijoint HIP. But we do it because it’s the best thing for our patients. If we can improve overall outcomes, even incrementally, it’s worth it.”

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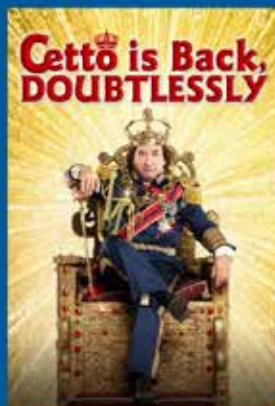
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