

# Does a Robot Make Sense in My ASC?

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## My Background

General & Bariatric Surgery

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University of Nebraska Medical Center, MIS/Bariatrics

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University of Texas Medical Branch, General Surgery

University of Kentucky, General Surgery

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Baylor College of Medicine

# Baylor Surgicare in Mansfield

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- We're in Mansfield, TX
- Located in the DFW metroplex
- Just in case there was any doubt I'm in Texas...
- USPI facility
- First ASC in Texas to get a robot (2/2016)





# Agenda

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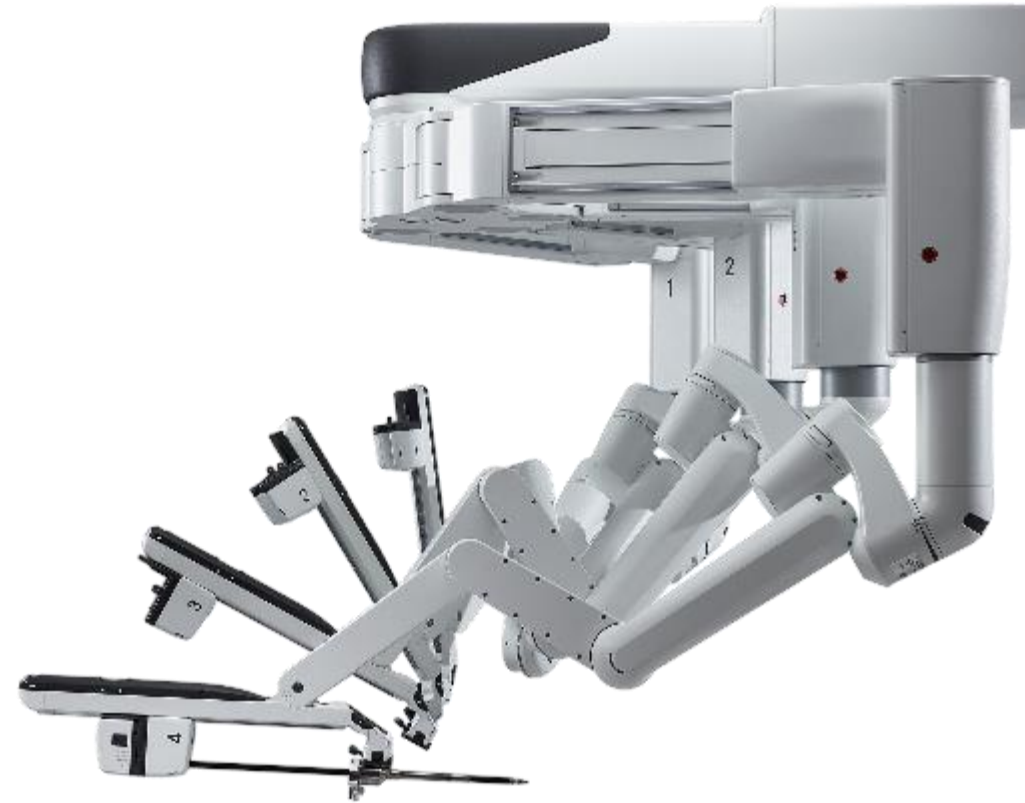
Site of Care

Why Surgeons are Asking for Robots in ASCs

Appropriate Case Mix

Operational Considerations

Planning Your Interaction with Payors

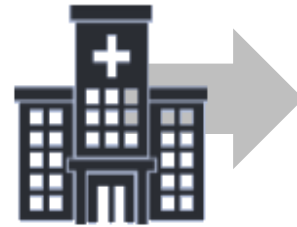


# Difference Between ASC & HOPD

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## ASC: Ambulatory Surgery Center

- Not the same as an HOPD
- Do outpatient surgery
- Free-standing from any hospital
- Some have 23 hour observation



## Medicare Reimbursement

- Surgeries performed in HOPDs
  - Paid by Medicare under OPPS
  - Use Ambulatory Payment Classification
- Surgeries performed in ASC
  - Paid by Medicare under ASC fee Schedule





So Why Are Surgeons Wanting Robots in ASC's?

# I believe standard of care is changing!

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What percentage  
of patients received

**OPEN**

inguinal & ventral hernia  
procedures in the US Q4, 2017?<sup>1</sup>

**58%**



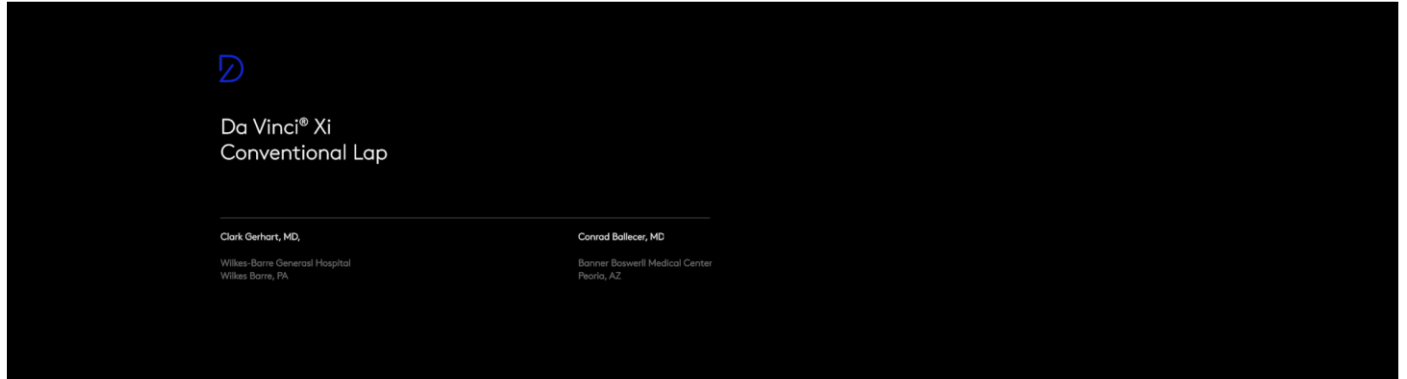
<sup>1</sup> Premier data, through Q4, 2017; The data are not collected under formalized study. The data have not been peer-reviewed and have not been published



## Inguinal Hernia



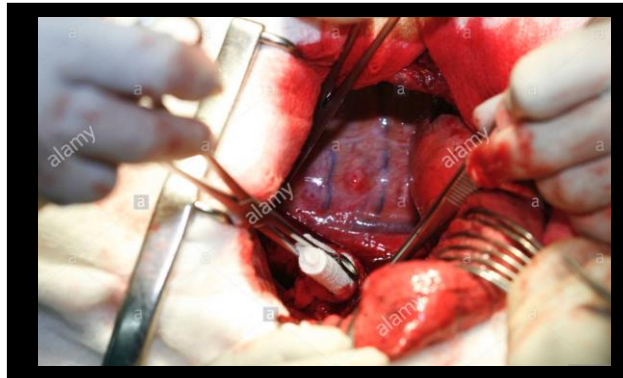
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Da Vinci Robotic-assisted Surgery: Dr. Conrad Ballecer

## Ventral Hernia



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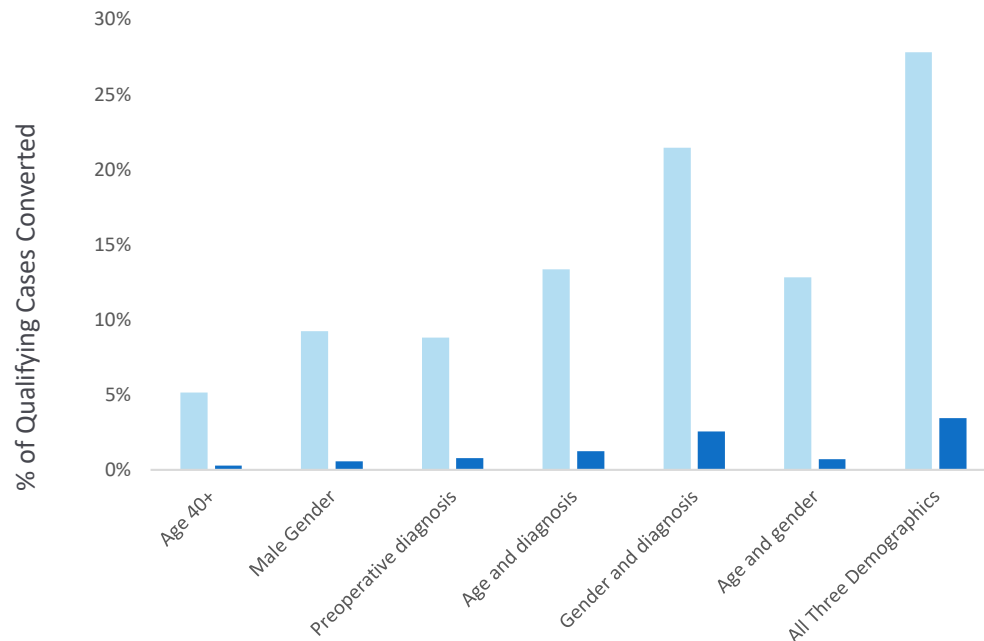


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# Risk factors For Open Conversion in MIS cholecystectomy<sup>2</sup>

## Percent of Laparoscopic & Robotic-assisted Open Conversions



Study shows overall conversion rates:  
Lap = 3.87%  
Da Vinci RAS = .15%

### Study Design

- Single center retrospective study
- 960 MIS cholecystectomies (over 17 years)
- Performed by surgical team with >125 case experience (2011-2015)

■ Da Vinci RAS (n=676 with use of ICG)  
■ Lap (n=284)

<sup>2</sup> Risk Factors for Open Conversion in Minimally Invasive Cholecystectomy, Antonio Gangemi, MD, Richard Danilkowicz, Francesco Bianco, MD, Mario Masrur, MD, Pier Cristoforo Giulianotti, MD October–December 2017 Volume 21 Issue 4 e2017.00062 JSLS www.SLS.org

Individuals' outcomes may depend on a number of factors, including but not limited to patient characteristics, disease characteristics, and/or surgeon experience.



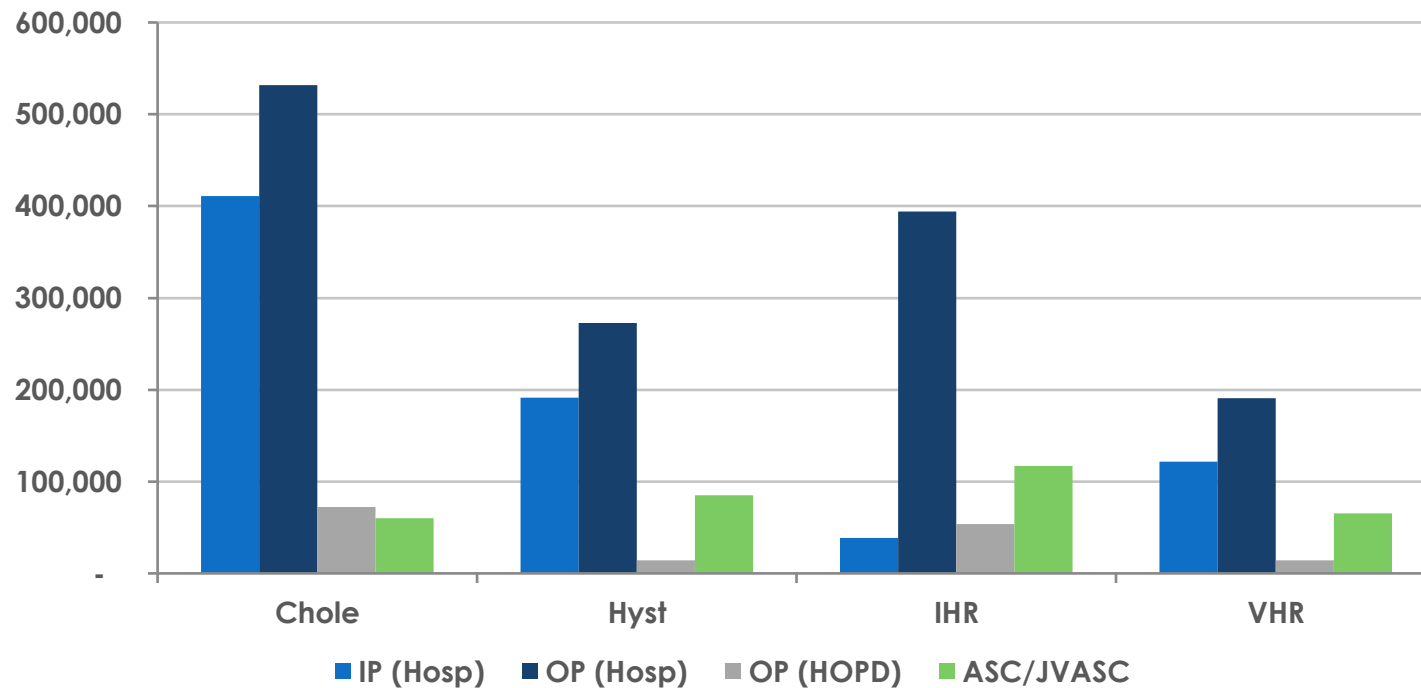
# Da Vinci Xi<sup>®</sup> Firefly Fluorescence Imaging

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# Majority of Benign Surgery Still in Hospital Setting



ASCs are driving adoption in outpatient sites of care for GYN and Hernia

Note:

- Based on internal analysis of Premier, HCUP SASD and 2015 IMS data
- OP (HOPD) volume estimates based on internal 2013 CSR survey on 386 accounts with HOPDs

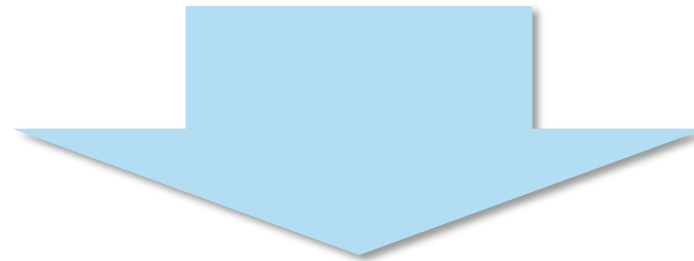
# So What Has Changed?

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Increasing  
Coverage

Rising  
Reimbursement

Enabling  
Technologies



An opportunity today, that wasn't as feasible yesterday

# Driving Forces Shifting Site of Care

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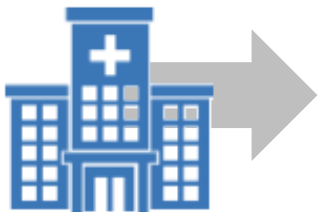
## ASC access through surgeons high

~50% of ASC hernia performed by robotically trained surgeons



## Increase CMS HOPPS/ASC payments

2017 % increases slightly favor ASCs



## Site of care shift thru payors

UHC prior auth and Humana coverage decisions



## Da Vinci® enabling more OP hernia

e.g., ventral hernia – could accelerate site of care shift

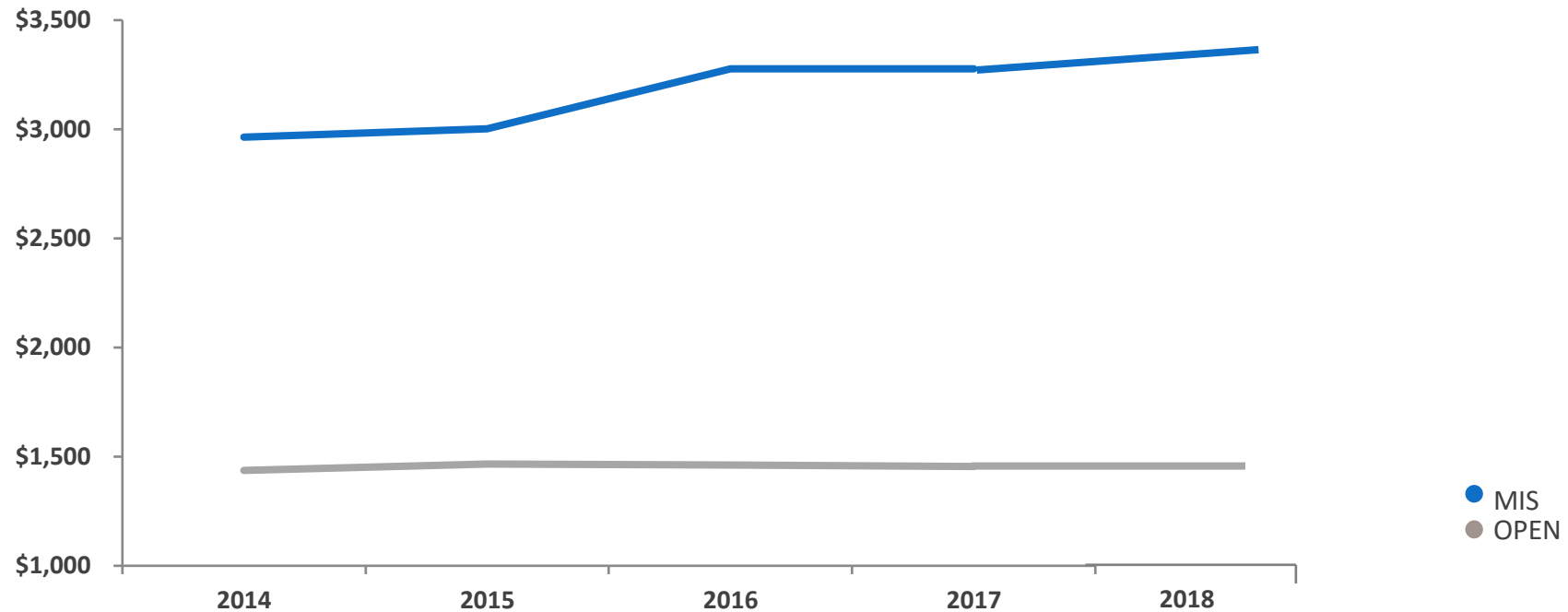




# ASC Reimbursement

## Trends Favoring Outpatient MIS

### Incisional Hernia - Medicare Outpatient Payments<sup>3</sup>



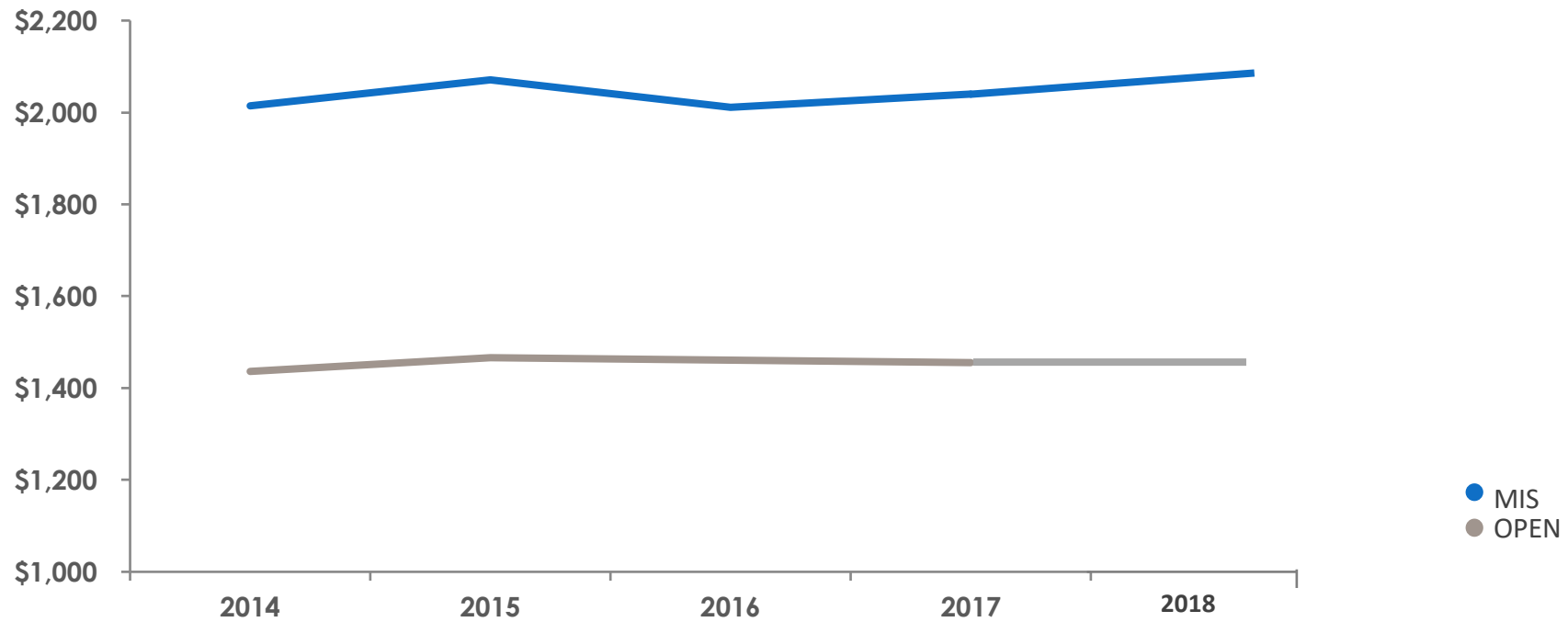
3. Note: Outpatient CPTs (49560, 49561, 49565, 49566) used for open incisional hernia, outpatient CPTs (49654-49657) used for MIS incisional hernia



# ASC Reimbursement

## Trends Favoring Outpatient MIS

### Inguinal Hernia - Medicare Outpatient Payments<sup>4</sup>



4. Note: Outpatient CPTs (49505, 49507, 49520, 49521, 49525) used for open inguinal hernia, outpatient CPTs (47562, 49561) used for MIS inguinal hernia

# Total Laparoscopic Hysterectomy >250g

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CPT 58572  
Outpatient Dept.

\$6,861  
National Avg.

**vs.**

CPT 58572  
Ambulatory Surgery Center

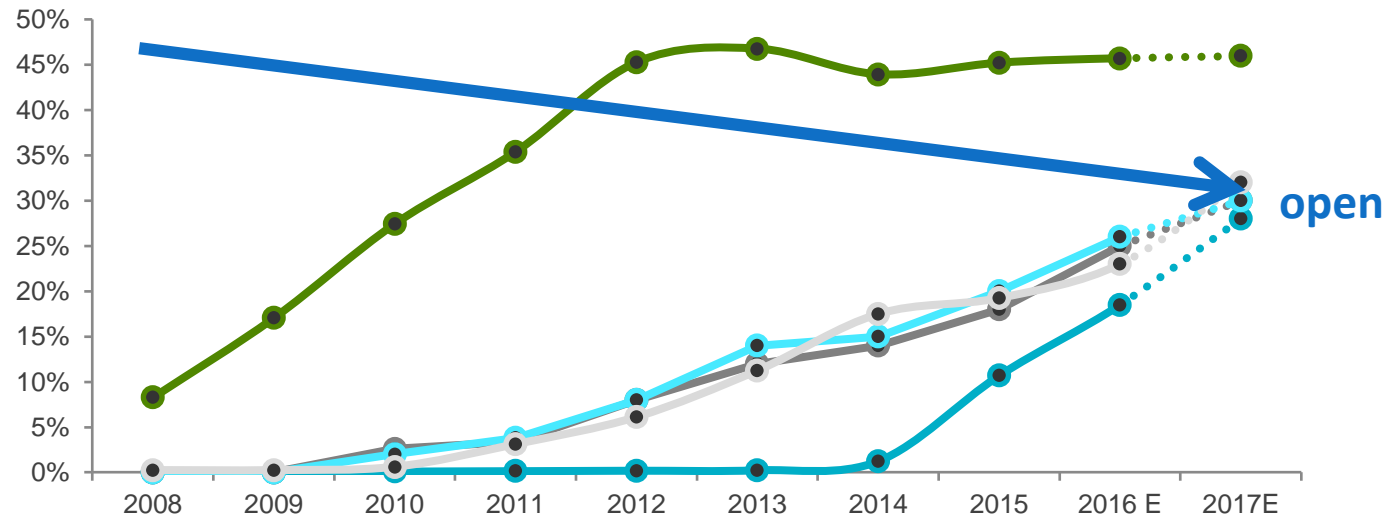
\$3,281  
National Avg.

**Yes, ASC reimbursed in 2018!**

# Predicted Growth Trends in MIS—Laparoscopy & da Vinci®

Predicting the need for convenient access by service line

National Adoption of *da Vinci* by Procedure<sup>1,2</sup>



Growth Trends in Laparoscopy and *da Vinci*  
3 Yr CAGR (Compound Annual Growth Rate)

	LAP <sup>3</sup>	DA VINCI <sup>4</sup>
Hernia	-11%	347%
Hysterectomy	-16%	3%
Colectomy	-10%	63%
Rectal Resection	-14%	48%
Lobectomy	-3%	20%

1. 2016 and 2017 adoption rates for Hernia, hysterectomy, colectomy and rectal resection based on Goldman Sachs Financial Model 02/06/16  
 2. 2016 and 2017 adoption rates for Lobectomy based on JP Morgan Financial Model 04/19/2016  
 3. Intuitive Surgical Analysis of 2008-2015 Premier database  
 4. Intuitive Surgical internal analysis – 3 year CAGR based on Q1 2014 to Q1 2016 procedure volume

# A Win-Win-Win-Win Situation?

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Win for  
the patient



Win for the  
surgeons



Win for  
our ASC



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# Do You Have the Right Success Equation?

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Right Case Mix  
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Right  
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# Cases Appropriate for the Robot in an ASC

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Patient Selection is Important

## General Surgery

Cholecystectomy

Inguinal Hernias

Ventral Hernias

## Benign Gynecology

Hysterectomy

Myomectomy

Salpingectomy

Oophrectomy

## Evolving...

Urologic cases (Pyeloplasty)

Nissen Fundoplication

Hiatal Hernia Repair

LINX Insertion

Sleeve Gastrectomy

# Robotic System Considerations

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We firmly believe X is best for an ASC

X is  $\sim 2/3^{\text{rd}}$  the price of an Xi

- Where Xi is superior: generally not ASC-appropriate cases
- Docking an X is a little more cumbersome (no rotating boom)

**So maybe this means that an Xi would work better in an ASC...?**

**WRONG!!!**

# Robotic System Considerations

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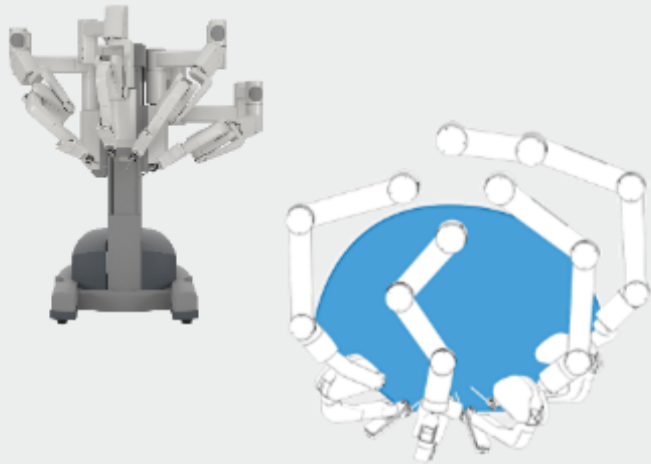


Da Vinci X  
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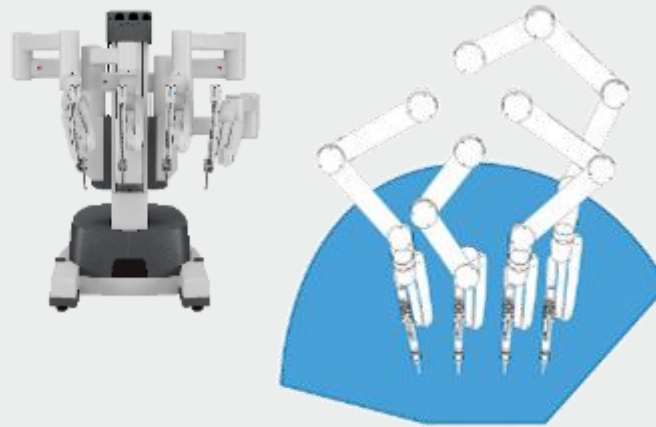
# Which System is Right for Your ASC?

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da Vinci Si<sup>®</sup>

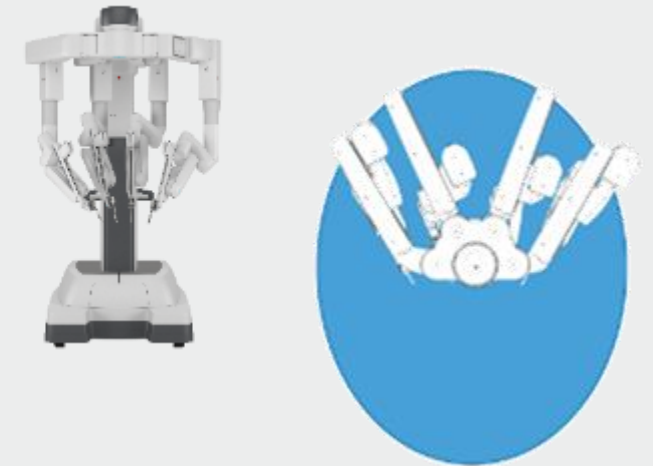


da Vinci X<sup>®</sup>



**1.5X Greater**  
than the *da Vinci Si* Surgical System

da Vinci Xi<sup>®</sup>



**2X Greater**  
than the *da Vinci X* Surgical System

# Important Considerations to Making the Investment

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OR time available to add more cases

Varying physician mix and proficiency

Capital outlay

Volume of Cases x Reimbursement



# A Successful Program: Where to Start

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## Operational Impact

- SPD
- Turn Over
- 23 hour observation



## Room Staffing

- Motivated, interested, positive people that WANT to be on the TEAM



## Block Time Availability

- Must have available OR time for convenient access



## Committed Surgeons

- Specialty and volume
- Administrator must be involved and supportive of program



## Reduction of Operational Cost

- Minimized robotic tray instrumentation
- Minimized pick sheet items
- Decreased waste

# Operational Considerations

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**Question #1**  
**Can your ASC**  
**do 23-hour**  
**observation?**

*If not, it may be worth looking into it*

- Some hysterectomies require
- Certain ventral hernias (such as ETEP)
- Urology
- Sleeve
- Nissen
- Simple hiatal hernia
- LINX

# Operational Considerations

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**Question #2**  
**Are my ORs big  
enough to do  
robotic surgery?**

- Most rooms are 20 x 20 ft or bigger
- This is an easy, comfortable fit
- When not used for robotic cases, room is easily used for most non-robotic ASC appropriate cases

# Operational Considerations

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## Question #3

**Do I have the right  
electrical setup?**

- I have no clue. The last time I considered anything relating to physics was back when I took the MCAT
- When you are investigating, the Intuitive ASM can help answer this question

# Operational Considerations

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**Question #4**  
**What other  
equipment do  
I need?**

- Biggest equipment issue will be a sterilizer and ultrasonic to handle the longer robotic instruments
- Cost was around \$100K

# Operational Considerations

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**Question #5**  
**Do I have the right  
staff to do  
robotic surgery?**

- **YES**
- When we got our Si robot in 2016 (Si is harder to work with vs. an X), all of our circulating nurses and scrub techs had done zero robotic cases



# Avoid the Road Blocks

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- *Administrator support*
- *Physicians who dabble*
- *Negative connotation to the program*
- *No standard workflow*
- *Staff training*

# Making the Investment... Volume

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Do we have the right surgeons?  
*Efficient, proficient and cost conscious*

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How much volume do I need to make a robot in my ASC work?

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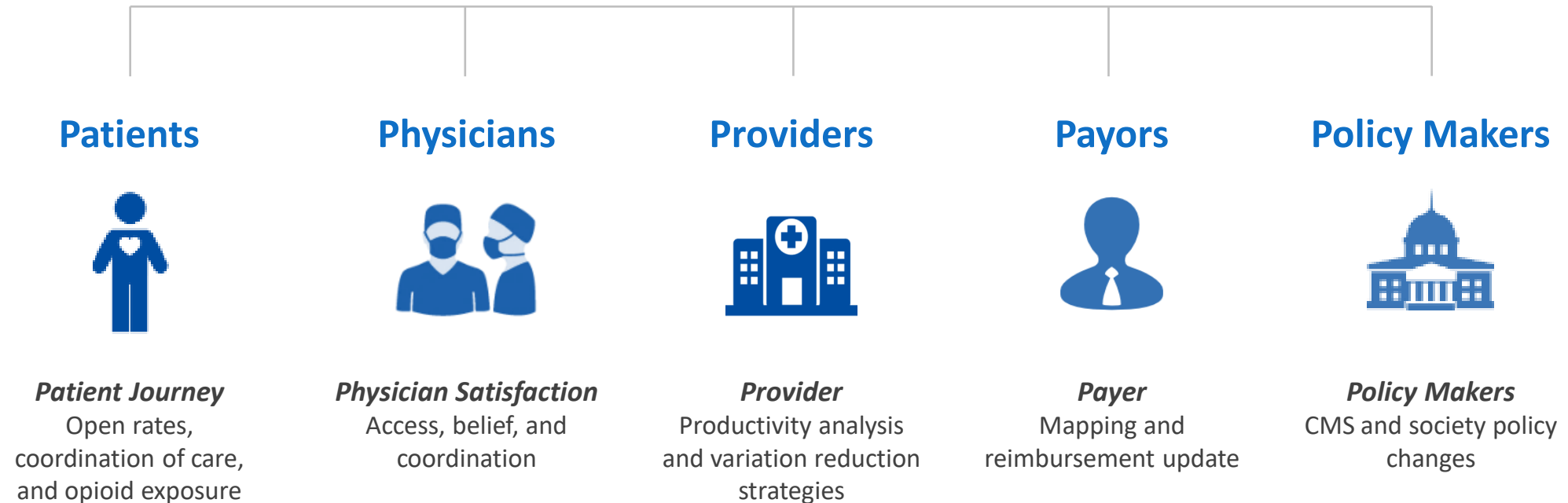
**Volume Required:**  
*Varys depending on payer mix, case type, reimbursements*

This leads to our final topic...



# Alignment of Value Across Stakeholders

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# Becker's Hospital Review

## Analysts find ASCs earned \$26B in 2016 — 60% of eligible procedures to be performed in ASCs by 2020

Written by Eric Oliver | January 11, 2018 | [Print](#) | [Email](#)

A Research and Markets report analyzed the U.S. ASC market, finding centers earned \$26 billion in 2016.

Here's what you should know:

1. Research and Markets believes there are 6,150 ASCs nationwide. Of the ASCs, 57 percent are independent/physician owned, 22 percent are corporate/for-profit and 21 percent are hospital-owned/nonprofit.
  2. Analysts believe corporate ASC companies are taking control of the market, citing a 43 percent increase from 2010 to 2015 in ASC company-owned facilities.
  3. The reduced cost of performing procedures in ASCs saves patients up to \$5 billion annually, analysts report. The savings the government reaps from Medicare and commercial payers having procedures performed in ASCs are at \$18.7 billion and \$12.4 billion respectively.
- The government reaps savings to the tune of \$18.7 billion annually when Medicare-insured patients undergo procedures at an ASC. Similarly, the government saves \$12.4 billion when commercially insured patients receive surgical treatment at an outpatient center.
4. Analysts believe by 2020, 60 percent of all eligible procedures will be performed in the outpatient space.
  5. Concerning physician specialties, 25 percent of all gastroenterology cases are performed in ASCs, but cataract surgery is the most common procedure in an ASC.
  6. Orthopedics, ENT and urology remain the most profitable ASC procedures.

## BECKER'S ASC REVIEW

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# Planning Your Interaction With Payors

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## Robotic Surgery

- Showing advantages, better quality outcomes
- Increasing in market share, especially in general surgery

## ASC Cases

- Moving back into the hospital
- This is because they are better on the robot
- Payors are feeling it

## Payor Impact

- They become motivated to support robotics in the ASC if...
- They can see they are losing ASC cases to the hospital because of robotics

## Better Contracts

- We've seen payors giving better contracts to surgeons doing more ASA 1 & 2 outpatient cases in the ASC setting

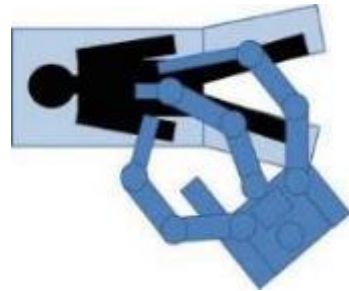
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# Reference Slides



# 2017 vs 2018 ASC CMS Reimbursement

## FREE-STANDING AMBULATORY SURGERY CENTER (ASC) SETTING

Commonly performed procedures include, but are not limited to:

HCPCS Code	Short Descriptor	Final CY 2017 Payment Weight	Final CY 2017 Payment Rate
<b>GYN</b>			
58570	TLH uterus 250 g or less	72.7007	\$3,272.69
58571	TLH w/t/o 250 g or less	72.7007	\$3,272.69
58573	TLH w/t/o uterus over 250 g	72.7007	\$3,272.69
<b>GENERAL SURGERY</b>			
47562	Laparoscopic cholecystectomy	45.2517	\$2,037.05
49650	Lap ing hernia repair init	45.2517	\$2,037.05
49651	Lap ing hernia repair recur	45.2517	\$2,037.05
49652	Lap vent/abd hernia repair	45.2517	\$2,037.05
49653	Lap vent/abd hern proc comp	45.2517	\$2,037.05
49654	Lap inc hernia repair	72.7007	\$3,272.69
49655	Lap inc hernia repair comp	72.7007	\$3,272.69
49656	Lap inc hernia repair recur	72.7007	\$3,272.69
49657	Lap inch hern recur comp	72.7007	\$3,272.69

Source: CMS Addendum AA – Final ASC Covered Surgical Procedures for CY 2017

Source: CMS Addendum A-Final OPPS APCs for CY 2018

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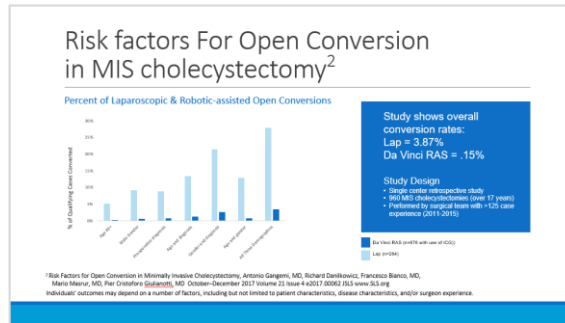
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# STUDY INFORMATION

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### Study Design

- Single center retrospective study of 960 MIS cholecystectomies at University of Illinois Chicago (2011-2015)
- Authors cite ~4.9%<sup>2-4</sup> of traditional lap choles are converted to open for a variety of reasons

### Patient Population

- N=284 lap; 676 robotic with use of ICG
  - Same surgical team
  - Performed >125 robotic and lap surgeries in total
- Patient demographics and outcomes were analyzed for the major indicators that may predispose to OC
- Inclusion criteria for the study were all patients age 17 and older who underwent cholecystectomy during the study period.
- Patient demographics and surgical outcomes including gender, age, BMI, prior surgical history, intra-operative diagnosis, case duration, and ASA class were compiled and analyzed for the major indicators that may predispose a patient to open conversion.

### Outcomes Measured / Evaluated

- Purpose of study is to identify predictors of open conversion

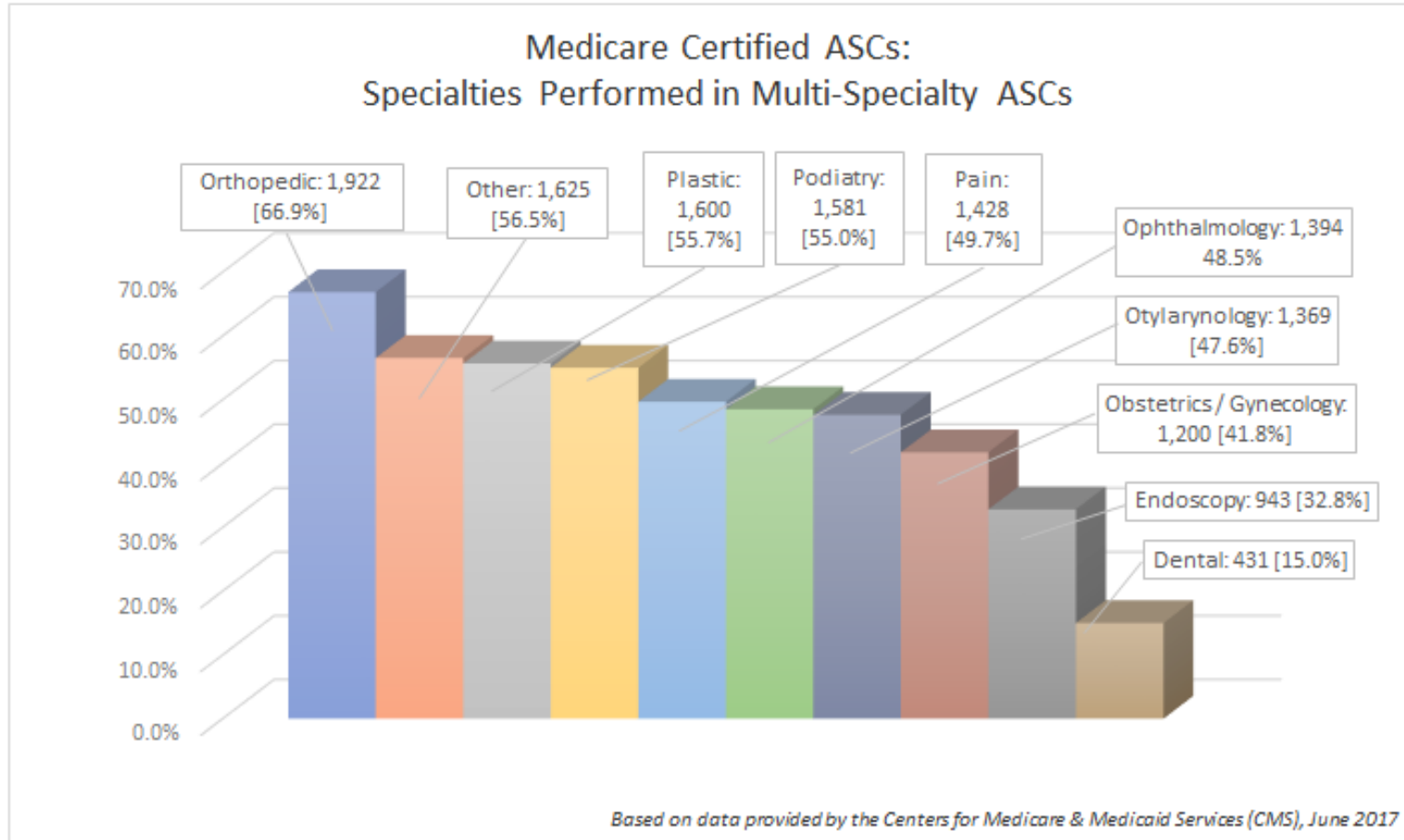
### Results / Conclusions

- **Overall conversion rate lap = 3.87%; robotic = .15%**
- Male gender and intraoperative diagnosis of acute or gangrenous cholecystitis were statistically significant individual predictors of open conversion.
- When compared with same key demographic subsets in patients who underwent robotic procedures, a statistically significant decrease was seen in each subgroup in Z-scores calculated based on the single categorical characteristic of open conversion

### Study Limitations

- A clear limitation of our study is the single-institution retrospective design and the inherent biases that accompany it.

# ASC Specialty Type... Does it Matter?



# Advisory Board – OP General Surgery

 Planning 20/20

## 2017 Surgical Services Market Trends

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## High OP Growth Driven By Consumerism, Technology

Patient Convenience, Payer Pressures Shifting Care to Non-HOPD Sites

### National General Surgery Volume Growth Projections, by Subservice Line Outpatient, 2016-2021

