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ANTELOPE VALLEY HOSPITAL NOW HAS DA VINCI SI SURGICAL ROBOTIC PLATFORM

(LANCASTER, CA – April 29, 2010) —Antelope Valley Hospital recently invested in the *da Vinci* Surgical System, a robotic platform that helps physicians perform less-invasive surgeries which leads to a shorter hospital stay and means less recovery time for patients. The *da Vinci* system enables surgeons to perform laparoscopic, thoracoscopic or endoscopic procedures with tiny, precise incisions that are not possible with the human hand alone.

The *da Vinci* system allows surgeons greater dexterity, as well as sharper precision and visualization than traditional surgery performed without the system. Smaller incisions mean less chance of infection and quicker recovery time for patients. Faster recovery times mean patients can resume their normal activities much sooner than they would with traditional surgical approaches.

Hysterectomy and other gynecological surgeries, prostate surgeries, and bladder and kidney tumor removal are just some of the procedures offered at Antelope Valley Hospital using the *da Vinci* platform.

“Feedback from patients as well as the physicians on staff at AV Hospital has been very positive,” says Edward Mirzabegian, AVH Chief Executive Officer. “The local community is already reaping the rewards of the *da Vinci* Surgical System, and it has put AV Hospital on the map as a destination healthcare facility.”



A nurse prepares the *da Vinci* robotic platform for surgery.

About Antelope Valley Hospital

Celebrating more than 50 years of caring for the community, Antelope Valley Hospital, a facility of

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Antelope Valley Healthcare District, is a non-profit, 420-bed hospital that was founded in 1955. The hospital is dedicated to providing quality care and services to everyone in the Antelope Valley. AV Hospital is located at 1600 West Avenue J in Lancaster, California. For further information, please visit www.avhospital.org or call 661-949-5000.

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