

# Artie Scroggins

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## ABOUT ARTIE

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PATIENT NAME: Artie Scroggins  
LOCATION: Missouri AGE: 63  
OCCUPATION: Retired

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## ARTIE'S SITUATION

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MY RELATIONSHIP TO DA VINCI SURGERY: Patient  
MY CONDITION: Prostate Cancer  
TYPE OF PROCEDURE I HAD: *da Vinci* Radical prostatectomy  
DATE OF PROCEDURE: Nov 18, 2006  
MY SURGEON: [Dr. Justin Albani](#)  
HOSPITAL WHERE MY PROCEDURE WAS PERFORMED: [Liberty Hospital](#)

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## WHY ARTIE CHOSE DA VINCI SURGERY

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### OTHER TREATMENTS I CONSIDERED BEFORE DA VINCI SURGERY:

None

### THE BIGGEST CONCERNS I HAD ABOUT TREATMENT:

Recovery

### WHY I CHOSE DA VINCI SURGERY:

My doctor; recovery time; the efficiency of the whole operation seemed the only way to go

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## ABOUT ARTIE'S SURGERY EXPERIENCE

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### HOW LONG I WAS IN THE HOSPITAL:

5 days (released on the 5th day)

### MY PAIN AND/OR DISCOMFORT LEVEL:

Compared to what I had just been through, pain was minimal; the catheter was a bit uncomfortable, but it didn't last that long

### ABOUT MY RECOVERY TIME:

It took a little while to regain control of my bladder (around 2 months)

### WHEN I RETURNED TO NORMAL ACTIVITIES:

3-4 weeks

### ABOUT MY SURGEON AND/OR FACILITY STAFF:

Hospital and staff were great; they did everything they could to make things right (comfort, recovery, etc.)

### HOW DA VINCI SURGERY COMPARED TO MY PREVIOUS EXPERIENCES OR PRECONCEPTIONS OF SURGERY:

Very efficient; less operative and recovery time

*I WOULD RECOMMEND DA VINCI SURGERY TO MY FRIENDS OR FAMILY MEMBERS!*

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## ARTIE'S FULL STORY

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I was diagnosed with prostate cancer after the biopsy report on my 61st birthday (PSA of 5.32). Well, needless to say, it hit kind of hard. My wife broke out in tears right there at the doctor's office, and that hit me pretty hard. After a moment or two, the doctor started explaining my options, and it was a "no-brainer" as to what I wanted to do. Radiation did not sound very pretty at all, and he explained my success rate for the years to come, and that was all I needed. "Let's do it," I said, and the rest is history. It has been almost 3 years now, and my wife and I ride motorcycles, just like we always have; she has hers, and I have mine, and there is not much of anything I wouldn't try within my abilities. I play guitar, and I belong to a 3 piece band; my buddies and I have a great time. I thank God everyday for bringing me my doctor, his experience, and your state-of-the-art robotic [-assisted surgical procedures]. Thank you for being there. It went smoother than I expected.

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