

Lawrence

ABOUT LAWRENCE

PATIENT NAME:Lawrence LOCATION:Liberty,
Missouri AGE:55 OCCUPATION:Technology

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LAWRENCE'S SITUATION

MY RELATIONSHIP TO DA VINCI SURGERY: Patient

MY CONDITION: Prostate Cancer

TYPE OF PROCEDURE I HAD: *da Vinci* Radical Prostatectomy

DATE OF PROCEDURE: Dec 15, 2010

MY SURGEON: [Dr. Justin Albani](#)

HOSPITAL WHERE MY PROCEDURE WAS PERFORMED: [North Kansas City Hospital](#)

WHY LAWRENCE CHOSE DA VINCI SURGERY

OTHER TREATMENTS I CONSIDERED BEFORE DA VINCI SURGERY:

None

THE BIGGEST CONCERNS I HAD ABOUT TREATMENT:

Ability to have sex again and remain continent

WHY I CHOSE DA VINCI SURGERY:

Other friends and doctor recommended

ABOUT LAWRENCE'S SURGERY EXPERIENCE

HOW LONG I WAS IN THE HOSPITAL:

24 hours

MY PAIN AND/OR DISCOMFORT LEVEL:

Discomfort due to the catheter

ABOUT MY RECOVERY TIME:

7 days

WHEN I RETURNED TO NORMAL ACTIVITIES:

Two to three weeks

ABOUT MY SURGEON AND/OR FACILITY STAFF:

Excellent care

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

Reassurance by friends gave me much confidence

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

LAWRENCE'S FULL STORY

I am aware of men with prostate cancer where one may have had surgery followed by radiation and another having radiation seeds, and how the results can vastly differ. At my age surgery was really the only option for positive removal of cancer.

I don't regret having the surgery for a moment. I'm very satisfied with the results. It's only been six months since my surgery and I am able to have sex again without any additional help. I don't wear any pads. However I did have a surprise after my first bicycle ride after surgery. I will probably wear a pad next time I ride my bike. I consider myself fairly active, walking about 2 miles per day, and one and a half hours of lawn mowing each week. I've put off purchasing a self-propelled mower just for the exercise benefit. My surgery has not interfered with anything I have attempted to do. I returned to my regular work schedule after two weeks. I work in IT so it is not physically strenuous.

I was pleasantly surprised that my hospital stay was less than 24 hours. I was able to walk within 8 hours and did not have any pain. I have had no pain or discomfort since my catheter removal one week after surgery. The surgery was one week before Christmas and it did not interfere with any of my holiday travel plans. I returned to my regular work schedule January 2nd. I'm glad my surgery was done in winter and not during summer and more strenuous activity then. I have had two quarterly checkups since surgery and both have had undetectable PSA levels.

I would also like to recommend Dr. Justin Albani, for anyone in the Kansas City area. Office visits and office staff are always pleasant. Everyone seems to be very understanding and sympathetic.

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