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**SAN JOAQUIN GENERAL HOSPITAL FIRST IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA TO
ADAPT GROUNDBREAKING MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES**

New surgical robot and automated laboratory to provide improved health outcomes

French Camp, CA – San Joaquin General Hospital (SJGH) is the first hospital in Northern California to acquire two groundbreaking medical technologies, including the Intuitive da Vinci 5 surgical robot and Abbott’s Total Lab Automation.

SJGH is the first teaching facility in Northern California to offer the da Vinci 5 technology, providing an unprecedented patient experience. The da Vinci 5 succeeds the da Vinci Xi, which has performed over 1,000 non-invasive surgeries at SJGH since its acquisition in 2017. Robotic surgery is minimally invasive and has a track record indicating improved outcomes and better patient experience in specific procedures compared to traditional open surgeries or minimally invasive laparoscopic procedures.

“We believe that minimally invasive surgery offers the best patient outcomes, and acquiring the da Vinci 5 enables us to continue expanding our state-of-the-art surgical capabilities,” said General and Colorectal surgeon Dr. Bassem Ghobrial. “With features such as force feedback technology, enhanced visualization, and increased precision, the da Vinci 5 allows our surgical teams to provide patients with the highest quality care and an improved overall experience.”

Adding Abbott’s Total Lab Automation will ensure that the downtime is kept to a minimum so clinicians will receive the laboratory results they need to make informed decisions. The automation system is the first in the U.S. for clinical labs featuring this smart CAR technology, which allows samples in self-propelled cars to travel throughout the track without a belt. The smart CAR technology streamlines operations so labs can provide quick, accurate results and deliver the best care to patients. Lab worker safety is improved by minimizing contact with patients’ blood samples and preventing exposure to biomedical waste.

“The acquisition of both da Vinci 5 and Abbott’s Total Lab Automation guarantees that the patients of SJGH will have access to the most advanced medicine available,” said SJGH Chief Executive Officer Rick Castro. “Our commitment to health equity means that every patient in the San Joaquin community, regardless of socioeconomic status, has equal access to these cutting-edge technologies.”

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