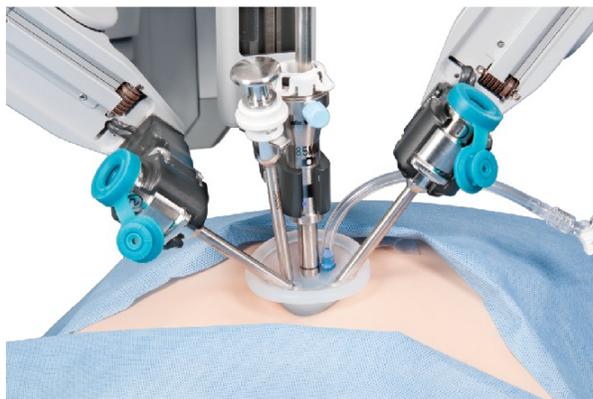


## Dr. Stephen G. Pereira Performs First Robotic-assisted Single Incision Appendectomy in Tri-State Area

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Stephen G. Pereira, M.D. and Associates ([www.laparoscopicsurgerynj.com](http://www.laparoscopicsurgerynj.com)), one of the Northeast's premier Laparoscopic and Robotic Surgery-focused practices announced today that Dr. Stephen Pereira performed the first robotic single incision appendectomy (removal of the appendix) in the New York Metropolitan area and the state of New Jersey.

With single incision procedures, the surgeon operates through one small incision in the navel (belly button). Previously, the only robotic-assisted single incision procedure performed was gallbladder removal, known as a cholecystectomy.



*Robotic single incision appendectomy allows for greater precision, less pain, and virtually scarless recovery.*

Whereas standard laparoscopic appendectomy is usual performed through 3 incisions, robotic single incision appendectomy is performed through only one incision, which is hidden in the belly button.

According to Dr. Pereira, this expansion of the single site platform is an important milestone. "I would describe this as the next level of robotic single incision surgery," he commented.

The single site platform offers a minimally invasive alternative to both open surgery and laparoscopy. Considering direct patient benefits, there are typically several, including reduced bleeding, shorter recuperative hospital stays, less pain, and virtually scarless recovery.

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### **About Stephen G. Pereira, M.D. and Associates**

*Stephen G. Pereira, M.D. and Associates provide a range of minimally invasive surgical procedures using robotic technology. Founded in 2002 by Dr. Pereira, the chief of gastrointestinal surgery at Hackensack University Medical Center (HackensackUMC), the practice is located in Hackensack, NJ. Dr. Pereira completed his residency in Surgery at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine in 1996, and was a specialty training Fellow with the first established Minimally Invasive Surgery Fellowship in New Jersey. In addition to robotic-assisted surgery, Dr. Pereira and his team offer a comprehensive span of minimally invasive laparoscopic procedures. Dr. Pereira was one of the first New Jersey-based surgeons to use advanced laparoscopy and the first to perform robotic single incision gallbladder removal in New Jersey and New York Metropolitan area. For more information, contact us at (201) 343-3433 and visit <http://www.laparoscopicsurgerynj.com>.*