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## **ORMC General Surgeon Performs 1,000<sup>th</sup> Robotic Procedure**

**ODESSA, Texas**— One-thousand lives have been touched in some way by Dr. Kevin Lynch, general surgeon at Odessa Regional Medical Center, by delivering the best, minimally invasive surgical care for his patients in the Permian Basin. Last week, Dr. Lynch officially performed his 1,000th robotic surgery, making him one of the most experienced robotic surgeons in West Texas.

Robotic surgery enables surgeons to perform even the most complex and delicate procedures through very small incisions with unmatched precision. These smaller incisions provide faster healing and little to no scarring for the patient. Robotic surgery also results in shortened hospital stays and less post-surgical pain.

“Most of the advancements in minimally invasive surgeries in recent years are in the robotics arena,” said Dr. Lynch. “The newer robots are less bulky and easier to use, and the camera definition is much higher, making our jobs easier. I am truly honored to work with such a dedicated team of professionals at ORMC who work hard to provide better outcomes for our patients.”

Dr. Lynch performs robotic procedures using ORMC’s latest frontier in minimally invasive surgery, the da Vinci® Xi™ Surgical System. This technology puts a surgeon's hands at the controls of a robotic platform and can be used across the spectrum for minimally invasive procedures including multi-quadrant surgeries in the areas of gynecology, cardiac, general surgery, thoracic and urology. In 2021, ORMC purchased its second da Vinci® Xi™ Surgical System, offering surgeons better access to meet the surgical demands of the community.

“Dr. Lynch has been performing minimally invasive robotic surgery for almost five years,” said Stacey Brown, president of Odessa Regional Medical Center. “We are extremely proud of this 1,000<sup>th</sup> surgery milestone he has achieved.”

Dr. Lynch has been a general surgeon at ORMC for more than 20 years and specializes in a wide range of surgical procedures including gallbladder removal, hernia repair, colon cancer, breast cancer, benign disease and more.

In celebration of this distinguished accomplishment, ORMC will host an event on June 7<sup>th</sup> in honor of Dr. Lynch to recognize and commemorate this surgical milestone. To schedule an appointment or request a consultation with Dr. Lynch, call 432-580-7373. Learn more about robotics at [www.odessaregionalmedicalcenter.org/robotics](http://www.odessaregionalmedicalcenter.org/robotics).

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**About Odessa Regional Medical Center.**

Odessa Regional Medical Center is a 225-bed hospital providing a full range of hospital services to Odessa and its surrounding communities. ORMC is a leading provider of comprehensive healthcare services including advanced diagnostic imaging technology, emergency care, innovative surgical procedures, comprehensive cardiac services and an award winning maternity center. ORMC is part of Steward Health Care, the largest private, for-profit hospital operator in the United States with physician-led healthcare services committed to providing the highest quality of care in the communities where patients live.

**About Steward Health Care System**

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The Steward Health Care Network includes 5,000 physicians across 800 communities who help to provide more than 12 million patient encounters per year. Steward Medical Group, the company's employed physician group, provides more than six million patient encounters per year. The Steward Hospital Group operates hospitals in Malta and nine states across the U.S., including Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Utah. For more information, visit [www.steward.org](http://www.steward.org).