



Dr. Claire Serrato, MD, Accredited As Surgeon Of Excellence In Robotic Surgery

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Dr. Claire Serrato is the first ObGyn in California to earn the Surgeon of Excellence in Robotic Surgery (SOERS) designation from the Surgical Review Corporation (SRC), an independent, nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing the safety, efficacy and efficiency of surgical care worldwide. The SOERS program recognizes surgeons who demonstrate an unparalleled commitment and ability to consistently deliver safe, effective, evidence-based care.

"Earning the Surgeon of Excellence designation signifies that an independent reviewer has had a comprehensive look at my work and deemed that I indeed provide excellent care to my gynecology patients and have a commitment to quality care for them," said Claire Serrato, MD.

The SOERS objective requirements and evaluation processes were developed in collaboration with leading robotic surgeons. To achieve this designation, a robotic surgeon must pass an independent review at SRC after providing certain qualifications. More about Dr Serrato, ObGyn, can be found on her website.

The surgeon must provide all data as the primary surgeon on at least 125 patients' robotic procedures and

outcomes, with 100% reporting from the preceding 12 months from all hospitals where the surgeon operates. In addition, the surgeon must provide extensive information from a random subset of those patients regarding the consent, indications, operative notes, and postoperative course outcomes.

Requirements also include documentation of unrestricted privileges, board certification, training in robotics, continuing medical education in robotics in the preceding 12 months, as well as membership in a national or international medical society focusing on robotic surgery and documentation with dedication to surgical excellence in robotics. Those interested in learning more about the benefits of robotic assisted surgery can view a YouTube video.

Such surgeons must show videotapes of procedure equipment and facility equipment, current licenses of office staff caring for patients, records of surgical staff training, and they must demonstrate a consistent, clear method for patient education, preoperative & postoperative instructions, and legal consents.

"Dr. Serrato has shown qualifications that uniquely distinguish her to be a surgeon of excellence," states a member of SOERS. "She contributes to an ongoing international study of care to robotic surgery patients with the goal of improving patient care to all surgical patients."

"Robotic Surgery" is somewhat of a misnomer. All instrument movement is controlled by the surgeon. The conventional laparoscopic surgeon stands over the patient and uses hand-held, long-shafted instruments which have no 'wrists' and looks up and away at a 2D monitor. The da Vinci System used in Dr. Serrato's procedures requires the physician to sit at a console with eyes and hands positioned in line with the instruments. This system features a 3D view and miniaturized, wristed instruments for more delicate movement. With minimally invasive surgery, patients experience less blood loss, less pain, and a quicker return to normal daily activities.

Those interested can learn more about DaVinci surgical system by visiting the Wikipedia website.

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Claire Serrato, MD, gynecologist, offers patient-centered medical care based on mutual trust and communication. Dr. Serrato offers the full range of gynecological care. This includes ultrasounds and the latest in single-site and robot assisted options.

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