

## **New Georgia Advanced Surgery Center Provides Women Many Unique Benefits**

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CARTERSVILLE, Ga.; June 2 /PRNewswire/ -- The Georgia Advanced Surgery Center for Women (GASC) – Georgia's first fully accredited surgical center for performing all major and minor gynecological surgeries in a *true* outpatient setting – has officially opened. The state-of-the-art facility specializes in laparoscopic and other highly advanced, minimally invasive surgical techniques that spare women costly hospitalization, unsightly incisions and lengthy recoveries for hysterectomies, incontinence procedures and numerous other surgeries. It also is among only a few facilities in the country qualifying for "Center of Excellence" designation by the certification division of the American Association of Gynecological Laparoscopists (AAGL), the surgical specialty's premier standards-setting organization.

"This facility provides women the highest level of gynecological treatment available today – plus a proven, convenient and cost-effective alternative to hospital-based care," said Hugo Ribot Jr., M.D., founder and medical director of the GASC. "Even our patients undergoing the most comprehensive procedures safely return home the same day as surgery," he added, "with far faster, less painful recoveries than traditional surgery provides. Women who have total hysterectomies here, for example, can resume most activities within a week – versus six to eight weeks with open abdominal surgery."

Ribot said that the outstanding patient safety, results and satisfaction with the GASC's special outpatient protocol have been proven in a major study presented in 2008 to the AAGL and published that year in [The Journal of Minimally Invasive Surgery](#) – as well as by thousands of such surgeries performed over the pa  
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