

Intuitive Surgical's da Vinci surgical bot back online in Denmark

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Hospitals in Denmark resume da Vinci robot-assisted surgeries after a 2-week hiatus spurred by 1 center's sterilization concerns.



Hospitals in Denmark lifted a hiatus on use of [Intuitive Surgical](#) [1]'s (NSDQ:[ISRG](#) [2]) da Vinci robot surgery system after an external investigation resolved sterilization concerns, according to the Danish Health & Medicines Authority.

Odense University Hospital, Denmark's largest hospital, informed the DHMA late last month that it planned to temporarily discontinue da Vinci robot surgical procedures because "the hospital had identified potential problems with the quality of the associated surgical instruments."

No adverse events were linked to any da Vinci robot procedures, but Danish investigators noted "surface irregularities, which raised doubt as to whether the instruments could be sterilized," according to the [DHMA report](#) [3].

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