

Laparoscopic Assisted Vaginal Hysterectomy



So what type of Hysterectomy is the best?
Why?

First I would like to tell you about the
gynecologist who went to automotive school
to be a mechanic.



Laparoscopic Assisted Vaginal Hysterectomy - Bonus Points.



- A gynecologist takes up a new hobby by enrolling into a automotive school for mechanics. The final exam requires that you take the engine out of your car then put it back in.
- The gynecologist scored 150 out of 100 on the final exam. The other students wanted to know how this was possible. The instructor explained that the gynecologist got 50 points for removing the engine, 50 points for replacing the engine but he gave 50 bonus points for doing it all through the muffler.



Top 10 reasons you get the bonus points for LAVH



1. ACOG

States that vaginal hysterectomy is associated with better outcomes and fewer complications than abdominal hysterectomy and laparoscopic hysterectomy.



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2. Laparoscopic assisted vaginal hysterectomy does not replace vaginal hysterectomy. LAVH converts abdominal hysterectomy and difficult vaginal hysterectomy cases into easy LAVH's.



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3. Advantages of Laparoscopic Assisted Vaginal Hysterectomy over Vaginal Hysterectomy.

Laparoscopy increases the safety by allowing visualization of abdominal pathology. Fibroids and ovarian cysts are easily removed with LAVH. The vascular pedicles can be secured laparoscopically.



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4. LAVH allows laparoscopic sealing and cutting of the utero-ovarian ligaments, round ligaments, broad ligament, cardinal ligament and uterine vessels. The Ligasure device welds the artery's and veins shut with minimal lateral thermal spread.



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5. Ovarian Pathology can be removed more safely with LAVH than Vaginal Hysterectomy.

Normal ovary's should be preserved.

The fallopian tubes can removed to decrease the risk of serous carcinoma and adnexal masses.botherous



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6. LAVH allows the removal of 20 week size fibroids, vaginally, without the need of a laparoscopic power morcellator.

In April 2014, the FDA discouraged physicians from using laparoscopic power morcellators for hysterectomy and fibroids.



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7. Laparoscopic Assisted Vaginal Hysterectomy allows visualization of the bladder flap development in patients with previous cesarean sections or previous pelvic surgery. This provides safety to the bladder and bowel which may be attached to the uterus.



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8. LAVH uses a KOH cup which safely protects the ureter from injury when you vessel seal the uterine artery and separate the cervix from the vagina.



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9. Closing the vagina by suturing vaginally avoids vaginal cuff dehiscence seen in 4% of Robotic Assisted Hysterectomy.



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10. It is convenient to perform cystoscopy after vaginal closure, to verify integrity of the bladder and ureters for a safer hysterectomy.



Matters of cost



With LAVH you do NOT need:

A Robot \$2,500.00/patient

A Power Morcellator \$700.00/patient

A Laparoscopic Suturing device \$450/patient.

You Save \$3650/patient.

COST MATTERS



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