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During the operation other medical staff or nurses assist the surgeon by changing the surgical instruments on the mechanical arms.

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One team member, urological surgeon and andrologist Dr Demetris Demetriou, said that since 2008 more than 600 urology operations have been performed with excellent results. In the last two years, robotic surgery has also been used in gynaecological procedures providing huge benefits, maximal safety and perfect aesthetic results.

Doctors from the centre said the robotic system has a higher success rate treating prostate cancer, urinary problems and benign and malignant diseases of the kidney.

Dr Angelos Sioutas, obstetrician and gynaecological surgeon, said that it is possible with the robotic system to operate on type I and II endometrial cancer, stage I ovary cancer and even to perform surgery during pregnancy in cases of various forms of cancer.

Other conditions that are robotically operable are the uterine prolapse with 90per cent success, endometriosis and even hysterectomies, the surgeons said.

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