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Max Institute of Laparoscopic, Robotic, Bariatric Surgery & GI Surgery signs MoU with Intuitive Surgical

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The partnership aims to support structured adoption of robotic-assisted surgery and widen patient access



Max Institute of Laparoscopic, Robotic, Bariatric Surgery & GI Surgery has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Intuitive Surgical, a global technology leader in minimally invasive care and the pioneer of robotic-assisted surgery.

This collaboration will focus on strengthening surgeon capability, advancing structured training pathways, and supporting the adoption of robotic-assisted surgery across common and complex procedures, all with the goal of expanding access to robotic-assisted surgery to more patients across India.

The MoU was signed by Dr Pradeep Chowbey, a world-renowned robotic surgeon and the Group Chairman of Max Institute of Laparoscopic, Robotic, Bariatric Surgery & GI Surgery; David J. Rosa, Chief Executive Officer of Intuitive and Rohitt Mahajan, Vice President and General Manager of Intuitive India.

This MoU and subsequent collaboration brings together Intuitive's global expertise in robotic-assisted surgery and Max Institute's clinical leadership to establish structured outcome benchmarks for routine surgical procedures.

By focusing on both complex and commonly performed surgeries, the initiative aims to demonstrate how robotics can enhance precision, standardisation, and efficiency across a broader range of procedures, supporting more consistent patient outcomes and greater patient access.

The MoU formalises collaboration in clinical research, with Max surgeons participating in Intuitive-led studies for approved indications, and Intuitive supporting Max-led research across study design, analytics, and publication. The partnership also envisages a Centre of Excellence to build clinical and economic evidence for robotic-assisted surgery, supporting informed decision-making by hospitals and healthcare systems and, over time, helping insurance frameworks evolve to reduce financial barriers and enable broader patient access where clinically appropriate.