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**REDLANDS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL INVITES PUBLIC TO TEST DRIVE
DA VINCI ROBOT TUESDAY, SEPT. 1ST**

**Men of Inland Empire Encouraged to Get Regular Screenings During National
Prostate Cancer Month**

REDLANDS, Calif -- During National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, Redlands Community Hospital will kick off September with a special test-drive of the da Vinci surgical system. The public is invited to talk to experts and get a hands-on look at the latest in prostate cancer technology on Tuesday, September 1st at the Victoria Gardens Cultural Center at 12505 Cultural Center Drive, in Rancho Cucamonga, from noon to 6 p.m.

The da Vinci is the number-one treatment option among U.S. men due to effective cancer control, improved and early return of sexual function and urinary continence. Men, especially those over the age of 50, are encouraged to get regular prostate cancer screenings.

“Prostate cancer in many cases does not cause any noticeable symptoms, which is why screening is essential to ensuring that the disease is detected early when treatment is most likely to be effective,” says urologist Robert Torrey, M.D. of Redlands Community Hospital.

Prostate cancer is the most common form of cancer among males and is the second leading cause of cancer deaths among American men (after lung cancer) according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. According to the National

Prostate Cancer Coalition, victims of prostate cancer have a survival rate of more than 90% when the disease is caught in its early stages.

The hospital is partnering with the *Vinci® Surgery Awareness Initiative™*, supporting the Lance Armstrong Foundation, in a national campaign reaching millions of people with the goal of educating the public about prostate cancer. The event will inform the community about prostate cancer: how it is detected, what causes the disease and how it is commonly treated.

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