

MTMC to tweet live surgery

Middle Tennessee Medical Center in Murfreesboro will be using Twitter to post photos and updates of a hysterectomy surgery live from one of the 12 operating rooms at the new MTMC on Nov. 11.

Dr. Brad Chesney, an OB/GYN and robot certified physician at MTMC, will be performing this procedure with the daVinci Surgical System. Karen Alwell, Chesney's patient and a Murfreesboro resident, is the first patient chosen to have her surgery posted on Twitter.

"I'm very confident about the surgery," said Alwell. "I know I am in good hands with Dr. Chesney and feel very blessed to have him as my physician. I know this surgery is for me and I'm very excited."

The daVinci Surgical System is operated by a surgeon sitting a few feet away from the patient at a console. Using a high-powered camera, the surgeon guides the arms of the robot that holds surgical tools which are inserted into the patient through small, key-hole-sized incisions.

To follow the surgery, log on to Twitter and follow YourMTMC. Live posts will appear Thursday, Nov. 11, at twitter.com/yourMTMC or search #livewithMTMC.