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RE: California Urological Association's Position Statement on Robot-Assisted Surgery
for Radical Prostatectomy, March 5th CTAF Meeting

“Radical prostatectomy is the gold standard treatment for locally confined cancer of the prostate in appropriate patients. There are a number of techniques available to perform this procedure. Traditional surgical approaches such as retropubic and perineal prostatectomy have been joined more recently by laparoscopic and robotic techniques. These newer approaches appear to offer results comparable to older techniques with potential benefits of shorter hospital stays and earlier return to full activity. The CUA recommends that radical prostatectomy is a first line therapy for localized cancer of the prostate. The surgical approaches appear to yield equivalent outcomes and should be determined by surgeon and patient preference.”

Sincerely,

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