Swedish Live Surgery Twitter Feed

March 17, 2010 www.twitter.com/swedish @swedish #swedish

Tweeting live from the OR tomorrrow in honor of kidney month. Get front row seat to advances in kidney surgery. #swedish

Latest advance in kidney surgery: @JamesPorterMD uses daVinci robot for partial kidney removal. #swedish

Robotic technology allows greater precision, faster recovery for kidney patients. #swedish

Tweeting live from the OR at 8 am: @swedish @seattleblank @melissatizon @edboyle. Follow #swedish

RT @daily briefing: Kidney surgery, from the comfort of your computer: Follow @Swedish today as they post OR updates, starting at 11 a.m. ET

Getting into scrubs now headed into OR shortly. Thx for following today. #Swedish

Testing: First tweet from OR. #swedish

@JamesPorterMD & surgical team of 6 setting up in OR. #Swedish

It's kidney month. Latest advance in kidney treatment: robotic technology to remove kidney tumors w greater precision. #Swedish

Safety pause in OR. Team does double check to make sure everyone on same page. #Swedish

Incision made. Procedure begins. #Swedish

RT @ seattleblank: TVs all around OR room showing us the "kidney" area - wow! #Swedish

Now docking the daVinci robot & positioning above patient. #Swedish

Very sci fi in here. Lights dimmed in room to clearly see monitors. Image clarity of screens amazing. #Swedish

Now placing tiny robotic surgical instruments into patient via back hip. @JamesPorterMD moves to robotic console. #Swedish

@JamesPorterMD begins working his way down to kidney. #Swedish

RT @ seattleblank: He is exposing artery to kidney. There are 2 that has to seek out. #Swedish

Two arteries now in clear view. #Swedish

Amazing how delicate the robotic instruments are. #Swedish

RT @ seattleblank: Photo: This is what I see right now. #Swedish. Kidney. da Vinci arm on right. Clamp on left. http://bit.ly/cnkCmC

Did you know 50k Americans were diagnosed w kidney cancer last year? #Swedish

Seattle one of few places to offer this particular kidney surgery. Today's patient flew here from Calif. #Swedish

Sights & sounds: feels like outer space. @edboyle has flip cam going. Hope to post video

@geekgiant Question about HIPAA: Patient agreed to Twitter news feed & signed consent.#Swedish

@<u>JamesPorterMD</u> pioneered this robotic kidney procedure. He's done 92 cases to date. #Swedish

Removing fat tissue from kidney to find tumor. #Swedish

Tumor found! #Swedish

Medication to kidney to increase urine flow to flush out "free radicals" & reduce injury to kidney #Swedish

Clamping arteries will minimize bleeding to provide clear view of tumor for precise removal. #swedish

@JamesPorterMD and team, thanks for letting us in the OR today. #Swedish

Tumor not that big about 2 cm in diameter. #Swedish

@nwkidney Kidney cancer is mostly hereditary, right? 50k Americans diagnosed each year.

Now going to remove tumor. Goal to remove in less than 30 minutes, 20 if possible. #Swedish

Overheard: Patient "stable as a rock. No bleeding." #Swedish

Robotic instruments: Tiny scissors and graspers, just 5mm. #Swedish

Arteries clamped. Cutting out tumor now. Speed is everything. #Swedish

Literally snip snip snip. #Swedish

Tumor removed! Under 5 minutes! Now suturing. #swedish

@Jam<u>esPorterMD</u> is one fast "seamstress." Suturing going fast. <u>#Swedish</u>

Removing clamps. #Swedish

Total time arteries clamped: 13 minutes 23 seconds. Met under 30 minute goal. #Swedish

@<u>JamesPorterMD</u>: "Pleased we saved this patient's kidney. Traditional open procedure would have been very tough on this patient." <u>#Swedish</u>

"It's not just me. It's a team. Everyone on team is critical." - @JamesPorterMD

Why did surgeon allow Twitter coverage? To raise awareness that these new treatments are available for kidney cancer. <u>#Swedish</u>

Now "undocking" daVinci robot from patient. #Swedish

Swedish has area's most experienced surgeons in robotic assisted technogy. Also used for prostate & GYN tumors & other conditions. #Swedish

Now reviewing tumor with pathologist. <u>#Swedish</u>

RT @nwkidney: @Swedish 1300 people in WA need a #kidney. Luckily for this man and surgery, he should be able to avoid that list. #Swedish

House lights up. It's a wrap. Patient to be moved to recovery room. Great job everyone. #Swedish

Patient will go home in 1-2 days. Much speedier recovery than traditional surgery. 90% chance tumor will not come back. #Swedish

Thank you everyone for following us today & helping us recognize kidney month. #Swedish

Meet the other amazing surgeons in our robotic-assisted surgery program. www.Swedish.org/robotics

Check out this photo of @JamesPorterMD. We made him special Twitter scrubs! #Swedish http://tweetphoto.com/14735593