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Twin surgeons make care twice as nice for patients on dual-hospital campus

MESA – Identical in almost every way, one surgeon works at Banner Baywood Medical Center and the other right next door at Banner Heart Hospital. Both with skilled hands and the same keen sight, they are bred of the same maker: daVinci. Doubly matched from head to toe, the only thing missing is a brain and a heart beat. Patients who benefit from their minimally-invasive care, however, don't seem to mind. Both daVincis are robots, making the Banner Baywood Campus home to two robots that perform everything from heart surgery to hysterectomies. The *da Vinci* Surgical System, which has been operating at Banner Heart since January 2006, is now accessible to patients at Banner Baywood Medical Center.

The *da Vinci* Surgical System is powered by state-of-the-art robotic technology. It allows patients who once faced several weeks of recovery following surgery, to be back on their feet within days. Through an advanced technology that creates a less invasive approach to surgery, many patients experience:

- Reduced trauma to the body,
- Reduced blood loss and need for transfusions,

- Less post-operative pain and discomfort,
- Less risk of infection,
- Shorter hospital stay,
- Faster recovery and return to normal daily activities, and/or
- Less scarring due to the minimally-invasive technology.

ABOUT BHH & BBMC

Banner Heart Hospital (BHH) is one of the largest free-standing heart hospitals in the nation. It has been named twice as one of the nation's 100 Top Hospitals® for cardiovascular care by Thomson healthcare business. This annual award for cardiovascular services objectively measures performance on the key criteria at the nation's top performing, acute-care hospitals. It is on the same campus as Banner Baywood Medical Center (BBMC), a 332-bed facility, also facing significant growth. Its recent \$97 million expansion added a seven story, 123-bed tower to this campus. Both hospitals have first-class physicians working with an experienced staff provide the latest medical technology in an environment of clinical excellence, compassion and healing. They are part of Banner Health, Arizona's largest health care provider and second largest private employer.

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