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oBand Centers in Tustin is First Ambulatory Surgery Center in Orange County to Perform Surgery Using the *da Vinci*[®] Surgical System

Innovative Robotic-Assisted Surgery Offers Surgeons a Minimally Invasive Approach for Complex Medical Procedures, Helping Patients to Recover Faster

Rancho Santa Margarita Resident Returns Home the Same Day Following Hysterectomy

TUSTIN, Calif. – In its continued efforts to provide its served communities access to today’s most advanced health care technology, oBand, Inc., which operates five outpatient surgery centers in California, Florida and Nevada, has announced that its Tustin center recently became the first Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) in Orange County to introduce and perform surgery using the *da Vinci*[®] Surgical System. In 2009, oBand’s Beverly Hills center was the first in California to use the robotic-assisted surgery system.

The first surgical case was a hysterectomy successfully performed by Rancho Mission Obstetrics and Gynecology physicians Dr. Marsha Granese and Dr. Kathleen Pollock on Wednesday, January 25. Patient Nancy Thompson, 59, of Rancho Santa Margarita returned home the same day and is in great spirits following her surgery. “I feel great and it was fantastic to be able to recover at home following surgery,” she explained just hours after her surgery.

The *da Vinci*[®] expands the surgeon’s capabilities, enabling increased dexterity and sharpened precision for improved surgical performance. The unique capabilities of this advanced technology are designed to provide additional clinical benefits and efficiency in the operating room, many of which translate to patient benefits. The benefits for surgeons and patients include:

Surgeons can perform minimally invasive surgeries and complex procedures:

- through smaller incisions compared to traditional laparoscopic techniques
- on patients who were traditionally not cleared for laparoscopic surgeries
- on patients who may have had weight problems, secondary health issues, or weren’t able to benefit from minimally invasive surgeries because of previous abdominal surgeries

Other benefits for patients include:

- quicker recovery times
- shorter hospital stays
- decreased pain at the time of surgery
- minimal loss of blood during surgeries

“Together, these technological advancements provide our surgeons with unparalleled precision, dexterity and control that enable a minimally invasive approach for many complex surgical procedures,” said Isaac Verbukh, M.D., CEO at oBand, Inc. “We believe the *da Vinci* System will help us to further enhance outcomes, and purchasing it for the Tustin center is further proof of our commitment to provide our community access to the latest advancements in minimally invasive surgery in an outpatient setting.”

da Vinci's advanced level of technology takes surgery beyond the limits of the human hand. This acquisition compliments oBand's focus on extending minimally invasive surgery to all patients. It can be used for a multitude of procedures including: prostatectomy, hysterectomy, myomectomy, and colorectal surgery.

“With the addition of the *da Vinci System*, oBand Centers bring academic-based medicine and innovation to the outpatient surgery center setting,” said Dr. Granese. “As surgeons, we now have another sophisticated tool that will enhance our precision during surgery and enable us to perform complex gynecologic procedures more effectively and with faster recovery times for our patients.”

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