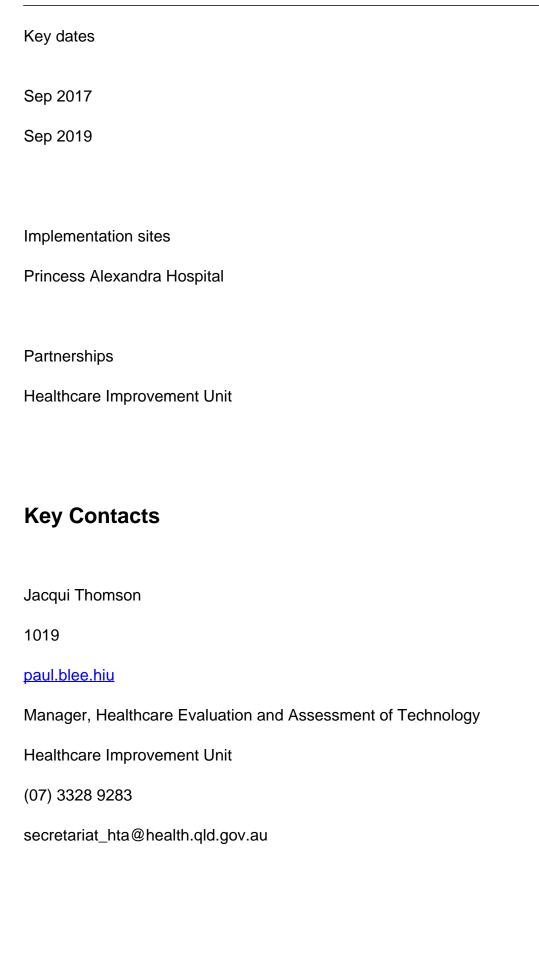
# **Transoral Robotic Surgery** Initiative Type Technology Status Deliver Added 01 February 2018 Last updated 23 April 2018 **URL**

## **Summary**

Transoral Robotic Surgery (TORS) uses the da Vinci Surgical System for surgical treatment of oropharyngeal cancers. The da Vinci system is composed of a console at which the surgeon is seated, a surgical cart, and four robotic arms. The da Vinci surgical system provides surgeons with improved dexterity and precision, and can overcome a number of the limitations associated with traditional surgical approaches, such as line of site obstruction and a limited operative field.

https://clinicalexcellence.qld.gov.au/improvement-exchange/transoral-robotic-surgery



## **Aim**

Provides an opportunity to pilot and evaluate new technologies within 'real world' clinical settings in the Queensland context.

### **Benefits**

The potential benefits of this technology include:

- TORS afforded improved surgical visualisation and manoeuvrability and provided superior accessibility.
- Significantly, 86 per cent of TORS patients avoided additional treatment with radiotherapy and none had chemotherapy.
- TORS is less invasive, resulting in shorter hospital stays.
- TORS is safe; with no major complications and no surgical infections.
- Most (86 per cent) TORS patients had negative margins in excised tissue.
- The majority of patients reported an improved quality of life after TORS.

## **Background**

This technology was funded through the New Technology Funding and Evaluation Program (NTFEP). The NTFEP funds the introduction and evaluation of new technologies that:

- Are safe and effective
- Provide better health outcomes
- Provide value for money
- Provide greater access to care.

The evaluation findings will inform recommendations regarding the future use and/or investment of the technology within Queensland.

### **Evaluation and Results**

Key findings will be published at the end of the evaluation period.

#### Resources

Technology evaluation summary
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