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Arlington High visits the future of surgery

Students get a view of robotic-assisted devices along with hands-on use of the equipment



Arlington High School senior Melissa Arroyo, 17, tries her skills on a laparoscopic trainer at Riverside Community Hospital on Monday. Arlington High School students explored the world of robotic-assisted surgery through live demonstrations and interactive experiences. Photos by Will Lester — Staff Photographer



Clinic territory assistant Anthony Grad assists an Arlington High School student as they use the robotic arms during a demonstration of how robotic surgery is performed at Riverside Community Hospital.

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Some Riverside high school students got a glimpse Monday at the future of surgery.

And it involved robots.

About 40 students from Riverside's Arlington High School visited Riverside Community Hospital for a presentation on robotic-assisted surgery.

At the downtown hospital, they saw demonstrations and listened to Dr. Aaron Lee, the facility's robotic surgery chair.

The teens got to see surgical robots used for thoracic and bariatric procedures as well as for joint replacements and hysterectomies, a hospital news release states. The session showed how robotics technology is changing surgeries, improving the outcomes for patients and shortening their hospital stays so they can more quickly resume regular activities, the release states.

As a fun footnote, Arlington students got to help name the hospital's six surgical robots.