



## INSURANCE AND OTHER FINANCIAL QUESTIONS ABOUT Robotic Prostatectomy Surgery

UNM hospital and Cancer Research Center take almost all New Mexico health plans including Presbyterian, Blue Cross Blue Shield, and Lovelace. Robotic surgery is typically a covered benefit, although because insurance plans vary greatly ***we encourage you to speak to your insurance company directly about specific details and possible copays.*** Tell them you will be undergoing a robot assisted laparoscopic radical prostatectomy (you will need to provide them with the CPT code for this procedure which is **55866**).

Presbyterian Health Plan has published a medical policy for robotic and laparoscopic radical prostatectomy which is available at:

<http://www.phs.org/phs/healthplans/providers/healthservices/Medical/index.htm?spath=medical+policies#>

(Look under prostatectomy in the contents)

UNM will submit a pre-authorization for robotic surgery on your behalf prior to the scheduled procedure.

To reach the UNM Medical Group (further information about charges) please call 505 272 2521.

Other questions? Please call Dr. Shah/Trish Seeber at (505) 925-0246 or visit [www.roboticsurgeryNM.com](http://www.roboticsurgeryNM.com)