da Vinci Surgical Robot Service — Settlement Summary

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da Vinci Surgical Robot Antitrust Litigation

Summary

This class action lawsuit, filed against Intuitive Surgical, Inc. in the Northern District of California, alleges that Intuitive engaged in anticompetitive tying, exclusive dealing, and monopolization related to its da Vinci surgical robot service contracts and EndoWrist instruments. Plaintiffs — primarily hospitals and health systems — claim Intuitive's contracts forced them to purchase EndoWrist instruments exclusively from Intuitive, discard them after an arbitrary use limit, and use only Intuitive for robot servicing, eliminating lower-cost independent repair alternatives. The case has been certified as a class action and is proceeding toward trial; no settlement has been reached and no monetary benefits are available at this time.

Announcements

Case is Active — No Settlement Yet: As of the date of this article, the lawsuit is ongoing and no monetary benefits have been awarded. The Court has ruled on cross-motions for summary judgment, granted class certification (March 31, 2025), and the case is proceeding to trial on a date not yet set. A separate notice will be issued if and when a settlement or monetary recovery is obtained.

Opt-Out Deadline Has Passed: The deadline to exclude yourself (opt out) from the Class was **April 20, 2026**. Class members who did not opt out by that date are bound by the outcome of this litigation.

Settlement Amount

Not yet available. No settlement has been reached. The case is proceeding to trial. If monetary benefits are obtained through a trial verdict or future settlement, a separate notice will be issued to class members regarding how to seek a share of those benefits.

Class Period

May 21, 2017 through December 31, 2021.

Filing Deadline

Not yet available. There is no claims filing process at this time because no monetary benefits have been awarded. If a recovery is obtained, a separate notice will be issued with instructions and deadlines for filing claims.

Who Qualifies

The Class consists of all entities — primarily hospitals and other health systems — that purchased da Vinci robot service contracts and/or EndoWrist instruments from Defendant Intuitive Surgical, Inc. in the United States at any time during the Class Period (May 21, 2017 through December 31, 2021).

Who Is Excluded

Specific exclusions are not detailed on the settlement website pages reviewed. Class members who submitted a valid and timely request to opt out of the Class by the April 20, 2026 deadline are excluded from the Class and retain the right to pursue individual claims against Intuitive. Refer to the Long-Form Notice (available on the settlement website) for a complete list of any additional excluded parties.

How to File

There is no claims filing process available at this time. No monetary benefits have been awarded, and the case is still proceeding toward trial. FRS should monitor this case for future developments. When a recovery is obtained, the following steps are anticipated:

- A new notice will be issued to class members describing the recovery and how to file a claim.
- Class members will be directed to submit claim documentation, likely including proof of da Vinci service purchases and/or EndoWrist purchases during the Class Period.
- Claims may be submitted online or by mail through the Notice Administrator. The Notice Administrator can be reached at **+1-888-208-9630**.

Defendants

- **Intuitive Surgical, Inc.** — The manufacturer and seller of the da Vinci surgical robot system and EndoWrist instruments. Plaintiffs allege Intuitive holds monopoly power in the market for minimally invasive soft tissue surgical robots and leveraged that power through anticompetitive contract provisions that required hospitals and surgery centers to: (1) purchase EndoWrist instruments exclusively from Intuitive; (2) refrain from repairing or modifying EndoWrists or using independent repair companies (IRCs); (3) discard EndoWrists when they reached Intuitive's preset use limit (typically 10 uses); and (4) use only Intuitive for da Vinci robot servicing. Plaintiffs allege these practices violated Sections 1 and 2 of the Sherman Act. Intuitive denies all allegations and asserts its practices are procompetitive and promote patient safety.

Case History

- **May 21, 2017** — Start of the Class Period.
- **December 31, 2021** — End of the Class Period.
- **September 10, 2021** — Consolidated Amended Class Action Complaint filed; Case No. 21-cv-03825-AMO filed in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California.
- **March 31, 2024** — Court issues Order on Cross-Motions for Summary Judgment.
- **July 30, 2024** — Court issues Order Granting Defendant's Motion for Reconsideration.
- **March 31, 2025** — Court issues Order Granting Class Certification; case certified to proceed as a class action.
- **April 20, 2026** — Deadline for class members to opt out of the Class.
- **Trial date** — Not yet set.

Source

- Settlement Home Page: *da Vinci Antitrust Class Action Lawsuit — Official Settlement Website* (URL not explicitly listed in source content; accessible via Notice Administrator at +1-888-208-9630)
- Court Documents Page: *da Vinci Antitrust Class Action Lawsuit — Court Documents*

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Reviewer Flags

- **First draft.** No prior version exists in the knowledge base for this settlement.
- **No settlement or monetary recovery exists yet:** This is an active, pre-trial class action. The article correctly reflects that no claims process is available. FRS staff should flag this case for ongoing monitoring and revisit when a trial verdict or settlement is announced.
- **Opt-out deadline has passed (April 20, 2026):** This date appears in the source content as a future deadline, but relative to the article publication date of 2026-09-22, it has already passed. This is flagged for reviewer awareness — the Announcements section notes this accordingly.
- **Potential contradiction noted:** The source page states the opt-out deadline is April 20, 2026, but the article is being published on 2026-09-22, meaning the deadline has already elapsed. The source pages do not explicitly state the deadline has passed, but it is treated as past in this article based on the current date. Reviewer should confirm no extension was granted.
- **Settlement website URL not explicitly provided** in either source page's scraped content. The Notice Administrator phone number (+1-888-208-9630) is available as a contact reference. Reviewer should add the full URL if known.
- **Exclusions not fully detailed:** The Long-Form Notice is referenced for complete exclusion information, but was not available in the source pages reviewed. The exclusions section relies on the opt-out mechanism described on the home page.
- **Source pages for major sections:**
  - Summary, Class Period, Who Qualifies, Defendants, Case Status, Opt-Out Deadline: Home Page
  - Case History (key dates and court orders): Court Documents Page
  - Contact information (+1-888-208-9630): Home Page and Court Documents Page