

## **Local OB/GYN One of Only Three-Hundred Surgeons Nationwide Certified to Perform New Women's Procedure**

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Dhruv Agneshwar, MD, FACOG is now one of only three-hundred surgeons in the country trained and certified to perform the new surgery treating women suffering from pelvic prolapse. The Gynecare Prolift Technique is a minimally invasive procedure that repairs the pelvic floor by implanting a lasting, synthetic mesh to support the pelvic organs.

Half of all women over 50 experience some form of organ prolapse- when the pelvic floor weakens and no longer holds internal organs such as the uterus, bladder, or small intestines in place. Prolapse usually begins with an injury to the pelvic musculature nerves during natural childbirth. Over time, a tear or weakness occurs in the connective tissue, collagen and elastin that support the organs. By replacing the damaged floor with a specially designed mesh, women are relieved of the pressure and discomfort caused by the dropping of pelvic organs.

The Prolift procedure provides a longer lasting solution, requiring little hospitalization with improved recovery time; and eliminates the need for hysterectomies or other painful procedures that are known to fail 40 percent of the time. The surgery takes just over an hour to complete, and patients are mobile the next day. Dr. Agneshwar is impressed with the new technology, stating, "This procedure is light years ahead of anything else done currently for pelvic prolapse." However, due to the complexity of the surgery, few surgeons are certified to perform the procedure.