Dr. Daniel Peabody and Dr. Tony Calabretta are the only two general surgeons in all of Wayne County certified in robotic-assisted surgery. And both are passionate about practicing this cutting-edge technology in the Wooster area.

Robotic-assisted surgery “gives us high definition 3D vision which allows for far more precision,” said Dr. Peabody. While positioned comfortably in front of a monitor, “we can manipulate the instruments and mimic any hand motion in a less invasive manner.”

For the patient, robotic-assisted surgery means “a smaller incision, less pain and a quicker recovery and back to work cycle,” said Dr. Calabretta. “It’s rewarding to be able to bring some of the most advanced medical breakthroughs to the community.”

Dr. Peabody and Dr. Calabretta are currently using this technique on gallbladder surgeries, groin hernias and abdominal wall hernias. But this hi-tech procedure will allow them to eventually expand to larger hernias and colotomies, said Dr. Peabody.

“Were grateful to be able to pioneer this new technology,” said Dr. Calabretta. “It’s rewarding to be able to bring some of the most advanced medical breakthroughs to the community.”

A second generation general surgeon, Dr. Robert Cebul practices the same expert and personalized care he watched his father administer for years in the Wooster area. As a partner at WCH Surgical Associates, his practice includes general and vascular surgical procedures with an interest focused on the surgical treatment of GERD.

While gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) and hiatal hernias are often related, an accurate diagnosis is the first step, said Dr. Cebul. “We are fortunate to be able to do endoscopy, PH testing and pressure testing in our facility to better diagnose patient problems.”

While some cases of GERD and hiatal hernias can be managed with medication, sometimes

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Dr. Tamera Robotham came to WCH Surgical Associates three years ago and quickly discovered her passion for helping women during the difficult diagnosis of breast cancer. She performs all general surgeries but specializes in breast procedures.

Her fortes include image guided breast biopsies, ultrasound guided and stereotactic biopsies, which utilize two images to precisely pin point a suspicious area.

She also performs breast conservation and mastectomy techniques that treat cancer and improve cosmesis as well as lymph node procedures. While a cancer diagnosis or scare is always traumatic, Dr. Robotham believes her gifts of compassion and caregiving enable her to effectively support women during this difficult time. “Compassion is the difference between a good doctor and a great one,” she says. “Reviewing a patient’s history and planning the best procedure for their treatment is very rewarding.”