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We've already seen robots serve as “personal avatars” for employees working away from the office, but recently we came across what is potentially an even more exciting application. At [Children's Hospital](#) in Boston, doctors are now in the midst of a pilot project in which patients take robots home with them after their stay, for help with post-operative consultations and care. Created by [VGo Communications](#), the 4-foot-6, 17-pound, two wheel robots function primarily as a means of videoconferencing, giving the families of hospital patients a way to keep in touch with doctors and nurses in between post-surgical appointments. Equipped with cameras, audio gear and a video screen for a “face,” the five VGo robots are operated remotely by Children's Hospital staff. In addition to facilitating communication, they can take video and close-up photos of surgical scars or other key areas of interest to help medical staff monitor recovery. The video below shows a VGo robot in action in a variety of settings:

Eight Children's patients have participated in the pilot project so far, according to a [report](#) on Boston.com, and the hospital hopes to bring that number up to about 40 before rolling out the USD 6,000 robotic assistants more widely. Healthcare entrepreneurs: be inspired! Spotted by: Smith Alan
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Website: www.childrenshospitalblog.org/our-patients-stories-using-medical-robots-at-home/

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