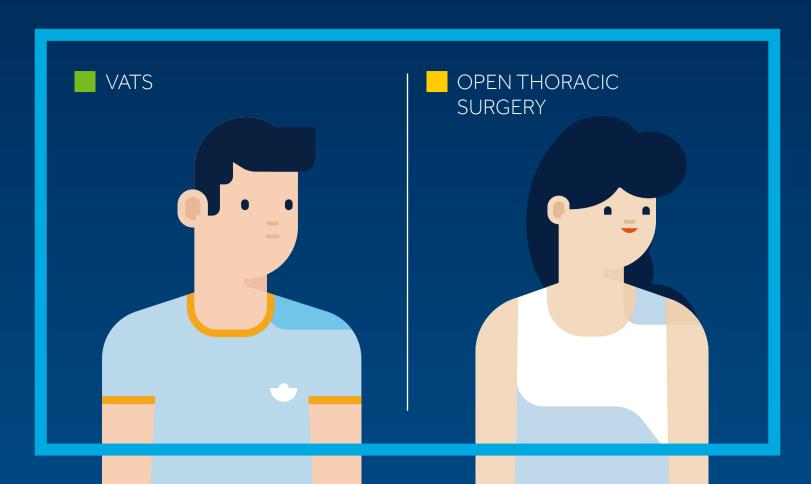
# THE PATH TO BETTER OUTCOMES.

Let's look at two patient experiences. One has minimally invasive video-assisted thoracoscopic surgery (VATS). The other has open surgery.



#### PAIN AFTER SURGERY



7%

of VATS patients require pain medication six months later<sup>1</sup>



**36%** 

of open surgery patients require pain medication six months later<sup>1</sup>

# CHEST TUBE DURATION

Your surgeon will leave a tube in your chest to drain any fluid in your lungs after surgery.

### **3 DAYS** with a chest tube

with a chest tube

on average for VATS¹

on average for open surgery¹

4 DAYS



#### LENGTH OF HOSPITAL STAY

5.3 DAYS IN THE HOSPITAL ON AVERAGE<sup>1,2,4,6–12</sup>

VATS

7.0 DAYS IN THE HOSPITAL ON AVERAGE<sup>1,2,4,6–12</sup>

**BLOOD LOSS** 



instead of open surgery?

## HOSPITAL COST 7.11.13,14

**AVERAGE** 



60% LESS BLOOD LOSS DURING

SURGERY<sup>1,3-5</sup>

FEWER

**AFTER** 

COMPLICATIONS

**SURGERY**<sup>2,8,10,12,15,16</sup>

Which experience would you want?
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