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Currently participating in the development of robotic surgery in paediatric patients in the ENT department, under the direction of Pr Vincent Couloigner (Necker Hospital) and with the help of Dr Patrick Aidan (American Hospital Paris). This encompasses trans-oral robotic surgery (TORS) for tongue base and laryngeal lesions and especially trans-axillary robotic surgery (TARS) for thyroid pathology.

François Simon entered Medical school at the University Claude Bernard Lyon I (France) and completed his residency in otolaryngology in Paris in 2016. He is currently specialising in paediatric otolaryngology at the Necker Hospital in Paris and completing a PhD in neuroscience at Paris Descartes University. He is the author of over 20 peer-reviewed publications in ENT.

A Da Vinci Xi robot dedicated to paediatric surgery has been available at Necker Hospital since 2016. In otolaryngology, robotic thyroidectomy has been extended to children with encouraging results. It is likely that in the future, other types of paediatric cervical lesions, including congenital cysts, may also benefit from robotic surgery.