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Medicine Stocks:

Robots. Yes, robots. They are EVERYWHERE. Including in hospitals, factories, and even in your own home! Even though you have different goals than I do, robots can help you and me to better plan out how to achieve those goals. They can be extremely helpful. In fact, it normally takes three hours to cut open a person’s skull during brain surgery. Now that is a long time to be under anesthesia. (Not to mention the surgery on the brain barely even starting yet.) Well, there is a robot that can do just that, but in three minutes. You see, robots can help people with many, many things. They can even help paralyzed people to walk. Just like the robotic exoskeleton can.

There will be many advancements in technology throughout the years. Medicine is constantly improving. People are constantly inventing new machines, medicines, and robots. There will also be a significant impact on people from the constant advancements of technology. Doctors will be provided with tools to help diagnose patients and give them better treatment. Doctors will not be needed as much though. Robots will soon be used for many things, even outside of hospitals. Now that being said, I would like to show you what stocks to invest in, in that particular area.

We have learned about many things in the Stock Market Games. Like learning how to sell and trade and work together as a group to try and “make” money.

The first stock that I would like to share with you would be Biolife Science (ticker symbol BLFE). Biolife Science would be a good stock to invest in because they are an innovative company and create many cool, futuristic designs for medicine, and many other topics. Biolife Science stocks are staying fairly still though.

The second stock that I would like to share with you would be Intuitive Surgical (ticker symbol ISRG). Intuitive Surgical created a robot called the Da Vinci which has successfully helped many surgeons throughout the world perform surgery. Intuitive Surgical stocks are going down a bit, but I assure you that they will come boosting up soon.

The third stock that I would like to share with you would be Medtronic (ticker symbol MDT). Medtronic therapy helps over 72 million people (about twice the population of California) a year. They are trying to better improve the treatment of patients by inventing new machines and treatments. Overall, Medtronic stocks are staying steady.

The fourth and final stock that I would like to share with you would be Smith & Nephew (ticker symbol SNN). The company Smith & Nephew dates back over 160 years! Smith & Nephew design and create health technology. They are also located in over 100 countries worldwide. Smith & Nephew stocks are currently steady but are not significantly going up or down.

And there you have it. The world is constantly improving, constantly changing. And these companies are changing with it. These companies are helping to improve how we can diagnose patients and treat them. These companies are slowly changing our everyday lives. It would be a great idea to invest in one, or more of these stocks. I can almost guarantee that you will make a good profit, depending on how much money you put into it. And remember, in order for your money to grow, you need to be patient. These companies cannot change the world overnight. But soon, they will be able to change the world. For the better.