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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>INTUITIVE SURGICAL INC</u> [ISRG]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title V Other (specify
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1020 KIFER ROAD		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/14/2018	X below) X below) EVP & Chief Medical Officer / EVP & Chief Medical Officer
(Street) SUNNYVALE (City)	CA (State)	94086 (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transa Code (8)					5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
			Code	v	Amount (A) or (D)		Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	05/14/2018		М		1,625	Α	\$178.3867	3,595	D		
Common Stock	05/14/2018		S		1,625	D	\$471.5601	1,970	D		
Common Stock	05/14/2018		М		3,327	A	\$177.6833	5,297	D		
Common Stock	05/14/2018		S		3,327	D	\$471.5601	1,970	D		
Common Stock	05/14/2018		М		1,563	A	\$153.0467	3,533	D		
Common Stock	05/14/2018		S		1,563	D	\$471.5601	1,970	D		
Common Stock	05/14/2018		М		1,563	A	\$148.03	3,533	D		
Common Stock	05/14/2018		S		1,563	D	\$471.5601	1,970	D		

 Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transa Code (8)		of Deri Sec Acq (A) o Disp of (E	osed)) tr. 3, 4	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$148.03	05/14/2018		М			1,563	(1)	02/18/2024	Common Stock	1,563	\$0.0	0	D	
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$153.0467	05/14/2018		М			1,563	(2)	08/15/2024	Common Stock	1,563	\$0.0	0	D	
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$177.6833	05/14/2018		М			3,327	(2)	08/17/2025	Common Stock	3,327	\$0.0	873	D	
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$178.3867	05/14/2018		М			1,625	(1)	02/16/2026	Common Stock	1,625	\$0.0	1,375	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Non-statutory stock option granted pursuant to the 2010 Employee Stock Option Plan. The option vests 1/8th six months after the date of grant and 1/48th monthly thereafter.

2. Non-statutory stock option granted pursuant to the 2010 Employee Stock Option Plan. Option shall vest 7/48 one month after the date of grant and 1/48th each month thereafter.

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** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

 \ast If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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