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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 25, 2017**

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**INTUITIVE SURGICAL, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**000-30713**

(Commission File Number)

**77-0416458**

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**1020 Kifer Road**

**Sunnyvale, California 94086**

(Address of principal executive offices) (zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(408) 523-2100**

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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On October 25, 2017, the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of Intuitive Surgical, Inc. (“Intuitive”) approved the appointment of Salvatore J. Brogna as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, effective November 1, 2017. In connection with the promotion, the Compensation Committee of the Board approved an increase in Mr. Brogna’s annual base salary to \$550,000. As Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Mr. Brogna will be responsible for research, development, manufacturing operations, service operations, regulatory affairs, and product and corporate marketing. Mr. Brogna, age 63, joined Intuitive in October 1999, and was promoted to Vice President, Engineering in July 2005. In August 2010, Mr. Brogna was appointed as Senior Vice President, Product Development. In June 2015, Mr. Brogna was promoted to the position of Executive Vice President, Product Operations.

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

INTUITIVE SURGICAL, INC.

Date: October 27, 2017

By: /s/ Marshall L. Mohr

Name: Marshall L. Mohr

Title: Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer