
**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): July 26, 2018

INTUITIVE SURGICAL, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

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.

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

(d) On July 26, 2018, the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of Intuitive Surgical, Inc. (the “Company”) appointed Don Kania, Ph.D. to the Board effective as of July 31, 2018. The Board also increased the authorized number of directors to ten (10) effective July 31, 2018.

Dr. Kania will receive an annual cash retainer of \$60,000 prorated for his service through the end of the year. Upon his appointment, Dr. Kania received initial grants of an option to purchase 647 shares of the Company’s common stock and 215 restricted stock units, pursuant to the Company’s 2000 Non-Employee Directors’ Stock Option Plan and 2010 Incentive Award Plan, respectively. Each grant will vest fully on the first anniversary of the date of grant, subject to Dr. Kania’s continued service to the Company through such date.

In addition, the Company will enter into an indemnity agreement with Dr. Kania, the form of which is filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company’s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 3, 2015.

There are no transactions in which Dr. Kania had or will have a direct or indirect material interest that would be required to be reported under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

Item 7.01. Regulation FD.

A copy of the press release announcing the appointment of Dr. Kania is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release dated August 1, 2018.

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: August 1, 2018

By: /s/ Marshall L. Mohr

Name: Marshall L. Mohr

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Intuitive Appoints Don Kania, Ph.D. to its Board of Directors

SUNNYVALE, Calif., Aug. 01, 2018 - Intuitive Surgical, Inc. (Nasdaq: ISRG), the pioneer and a global technology leader in robotic-assisted, minimally invasive surgery, today announced the appointment of Don Kania, Ph.D. to its board of directors, effective July 31, 2018.

“Dr. Kania has deep scientific and leadership expertise, and we look forward to his contributions to our team,” said Intuitive CEO Gary Guthart.

Kania, 63, has more than 25 years of experience in scientific research and development, global operations, and manufacturing. Most recently, Kania served as CEO and president of FEI Company until its 2016 acquisition by Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc. Kania also held various positions at Veeco Instruments Inc., ultimately as chief operating officer.

Kania currently serves on the board of directors of Aldevron, LLC, and previously served as board member and chairman of the audit committee of American Science and Engineering, Inc. He also serves as an advisor to several privately held life sciences companies.

Dr. Kania received his Ph.D. in Engineering and Master’s degree in physics from the University of Michigan.

About Intuitive Surgical, Inc.

Intuitive Surgical, Inc. (Nasdaq: ISRG), headquartered in Sunnyvale, Calif., is the pioneer and a global technology leader in robotic-assisted, minimally invasive surgery. Intuitive develops, manufactures and markets the da Vinci surgical system. The company strives to make surgery more effective, less invasive and easier on surgeons, patients and their families.

About the da Vinci Surgical System

There are several models of the da Vinci surgical system. The da Vinci surgical systems are designed to help surgeons perform minimally invasive surgery. Da Vinci systems offer surgeons high-definition 3D vision, a magnified view, and robotic and computer assistance. They use specialized instrumentation, including a miniaturized surgical camera and wristed instruments (i.e., scissors, scalpels and forceps) that are designed to help with precise dissection and reconstruction deep inside the body.

For more information, please visit the company’s website at www.intuitivesurgical.com.

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