FORM 3

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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	2. Date of Event Requiring State (Month/Day/Yea 04/21/2011	ment	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  INTUITIVE SURGICAL INC [ ISRG ]					
ust) (First) (Middle) 66 KIFER ROAD			Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner		(Mo	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		
			X Officer (give title below)	Other (spe below)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)		
(Street)			Sr VP Emerging Proce	,	1	,	y One Reporting Person	
SUNNYVALE CA 94086				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City) (State) (Zip)								
	Table I - Noi	n-Derivat	ive Securities Beneficiall	y Owned				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)			. Amount of Securities leneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownersh Form: Direct or Indirect ( (Instr. 5)	t (D) (Instr. 5)			
Common Stock		1,063(1)	D					
(e.			Securities Beneficially ( nts, options, convertible		s)			
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)	
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)		
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	(2)	02/07/2016	Common Stock	4,000	106.69	D		
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	(2)	02/17/2019	Common Stock	30,000	107.27	D		
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	(2)	02/15/2017	Common Stock	17,000	112.66	D		
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	(2)	02/15/2018	Common Stock	20,000	303.27	D		
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	(2)	02/16/2020	Common Stock	17,500	334.3	D		
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	(2)	02/15/2021	Common Stock	16,000	341.19	D		

## ${\bf Explanation\ of\ Responses:}$

- 1. These shares were issued pursuant to a qualified 423 ESPP plan.  $\,$
- $2.\ Non-statutory\ stock\ option\ granted\ pursuant\ to\ the\ 2000\ Employee\ Stock\ Option\ Plan.\ The\ option\ vests\ 1/8th\ six\ months\ after\ the\ date\ of\ grant\ and\ 1/48th\ monthly\ thereafter.$

/s/ David J. Rosa 04/29/2011

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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