#### Rosa David J. Form 3 April 29, 2011 FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 OMB Number: 3235-0104 INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

Person _Statement Rosa David J.(Month/D		Statement (Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol INTUITIVE SURGICAL INC [ISRG]				
(Last) (Fi	irst) (Middle)	04/21/2011	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			Amendment, Date Original d(Month/Day/Year)	
1266 KIFER RC (St SUNNYVALE,	reet)		(Check all applicable) <u></u> Director <u></u> 10% Owner <u></u> Officer <u></u> Other (give title below) (specify below) Sr VP Emerging Procedures & Te			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One	
(City) (St	ate) (Zip)	Table I - N	-	-	Repo	rting Person cially Owned	
	/ (1/		ton-Derivat	ive Securiti	LS DUILIN	lany Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 4)		2. Amount of Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 5)	f Indirect Beneficial	
Common Stock		1,063 (1)		D	Â		
Reminder: Report or owned directly or ind		ch class of securities benefici	ally SI	EC 1473 (7-02)	)		
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)							

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 Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	(1150.5)

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	(2)	02/07/2016	Common Stock	4,000	\$ 106.69	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	(2)	02/17/2019	Common Stock	30,000	\$ 107.27	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	(2)	02/15/2017	Common Stock	17,000	\$ 112.66	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	(2)	02/15/2018	Common Stock	20,000	\$ 303.27	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	(2)	02/16/2020	Common Stock	17,500	\$ 334.3	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	(2)	02/15/2021	Common Stock	16,000	\$ 341.19	D	Â

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
1 8	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Rosa David J. 1266 KIFER ROAD SUNNYVALE, CA 94086	Â	Â	Sr VP Emerging Procedures & Te	Â	
Signaturos					

# Signatures

/s/ David J. Rosa	04/29/2011
<u>**</u> Signature of Reporting Person	Date

# **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).
- (1) These shares were issued pursuant to a qualified 423 ESPP plan.
- Non-statutory stock option granted pursuant to the 2000 Employee Stock Option Plan. The option vests 1/8th six months after the date of (2)grant and 1/48th monthly thereafter.

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