

INTUITIVE SURGICAL INC  
Form 8-K  
September 18, 2012

**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): September 17, 2012

**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.)

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1266 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))

**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure**

On September 14, 2012 an article was originally published in the Modesto Bee entitled "More Surgeries at Modesto Hospitals Being Done via Remote Control." That article contained information about the estimated number of single incision surgeries that have been performed since January, 2012 and cited Intuitive Surgical Inc. (the Company) as the source of information. This was an unauthorized disclosure by a field employee in violation of Company policy. The Company does not intend to update this information in the future.

**SIGNATURES**

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

INTUITIVE SURGICAL, INC.

Date: September 17, 2012

By */s/ Marshall L. Mohr*

*Name: Marshall L. Mohr*

*Title: Senior Vice President and*

Chief Financial Officer