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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* ADLERZ CLIFFORD G | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 09/07/2017 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Surgery Partners, Inc. [SGRY] | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|-----------------------------|---|--|-------------|---|---|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O SURGERY PARTNERS, INC. | | | Relationship of Reporting Perso Check all applicable) Director | 10% Owne | er (M | f Amendment, Da onth/Day/Year) | ate of Original Filed | | |
| 40 BURTON HILLS BOULEVARD, SUITE 500 | | | X Officer (give title below) Interim CEC | Other (specify below) | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person | | | |
| (Street) NASHVILLE TN 37215 | | | | | | Form filed b Reporting P | y More than One erson | | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | | | | | |
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Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

Exhibit List: Exhibit 24-Power of Attorney

No securities are beneficially owned.

/s/ Clifford G. Adlerz 09/11/2017

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- * 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).

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EXHIBIT 24

POWER OF ATTORNEY

THE UNDERSIGNED hereby makes, constitutes and appoints Teresa F. Sparks (the "Attorney"), signing singly, with full power of substitution, a true and lawful attorney-in-fact for the undersigned, in the undersigned's name, place and stead and on the undersigned's behalf, to complete, execute and file with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission"), one or more initial statements of beneficial ownership of securities, statements of changes in beneficial ownership of securities, annual statements of beneficial ownership of securities and/or information statements pursuant to Sections 16(a), 13(d) and 13(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules and regulations thereunder, and any other forms, certificates, documents or instruments that the Attorney deems necessary or appropriate in order to comply with the requirements of said Sections 16(a), 13(d) and 13(g) and said rules and regulations.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in effect until a written revocation thereof is filed with the Commission.

Dated: September____, 2017

/s/Clifford G. Adlerz Clifford G. Adlerz