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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): May 9, 2018

Surgery Partners, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-37576

(Commission File Number) **47-3620923** (IRS Employer Identification No.)

310 Seven Springs Way, Suite 500 Brentwood, Tennessee 37027

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(615) 234-5900

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, If Changed Since Last Report)

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:

o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

o Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

o 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 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 o

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. o

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On May 9, 2018, Surgery Partners, Inc. issued a press release announcing results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2018. See the press release attached as Exhibit 99.1.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933.

Surgery Partners makes reference to non-GAAP financial information in the attached press release and a reconciliation of GAAP to non-GAAP results is provided therein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press release dated May 9, 2018.

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.

SURGERY PARTNERS, INC.

By: <u>/s/ Thomas F. Cowhey</u> Thomas F. Cowhey Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: May 9, 2018

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit	
Number	Description
99.1	Press release dated May 9, 2018

SURGERY PARTNERS

SURGERY PARTNERS, INC. ANNOUNCES FIRST QUARTER 2018 RESULTS

Quarterly Highlights Reflect Significant Strategic Progress; Affirms Full Year Expectations

BRENTWOOD, Tenn., May 9, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) - Surgery Partners, Inc. (NASDAQ:SGRY) ("Surgery Partners" or the "Company"), a leading provider of surgical services, today announced results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2018.

- Revenues increased 45.8% to \$417.4 million
- Surgical cases increased 14.7% to 124,858
- Net loss attributable to common stockholders of \$25.3 million
- Adjusted EBITDA increased 17.4% to \$47.1 million
- Diluted net loss per share of \$(0.53)
- Reiterates full-year 2018 guidance

Wayne DeVeydt, Chief Executive Officer of Surgery Partners, stated, "I am pleased to report a solid first quarter highlighted by strong year over year revenue and surgical case growth. During the quarter, we made excellent progress in strengthening our management team with several key hires and prioritized efforts to better align our organizational structure and improve our operational efficiency, which has begun to create a culture of discipline, focus, and accountability across the Company. We remain focused on executing on our growth strategies as we assess our assets and opportunities with an eye towards improved performance."

Mr. DeVeydt continued, "Looking ahead to the balance of 2018, we remain focused on growing our service offering through physician recruitment, revenue cycle management, and procurement initiatives, all of which are areas where we have made early strides this year. I am encouraged by the strength of our business and believe we have the right team in place to capitalize on the significant opportunities in front of us and create value for all our stakeholders."

First Quarter 2018 Results

Total revenues for the first quarter of 2018 increased 45.8% to \$417.4 million from \$286.2 million for the first quarter of 2017. Same-facility revenues for the first quarter of 2018 decreased 0.5% from the same period last year, with a 3.8% increase in revenue per case offset by a 4.1% decrease in same facility cases. For the first quarter of 2018, the Company's net loss attributable to common stockholders was \$25.3 million compared to \$2.8 million for the same period last year. For the first quarter of 2018, the Company's Adjusted EBITDA increased 17.4% to \$47.1 million compared to \$40.1 million for the same period last year.

Liquidity

Surgery Partners had cash and cash equivalents of \$112.8 million at March 31, 2018 and availability of approximately \$72 million under its revolving credit facility. Net operating cash outflow, including operating cash flow less distributions to non-controlling interests, was \$0.9 million for the first quarter of 2018. The Company's ratio of total net debt to EBITDA, as calculated under the Company's credit agreement, at the end of the first quarter of 2018, was 7.7x.

Tom Cowhey, Chief Financial Officer of Surgery Partners, commented, "I am excited to be a part of the team at Surgery Partners as we integrate our operations and execute on our growth agenda. As the largest independent operator of short stay surgical facilities, I continue to believe that Surgery Partners has a unique opportunity to improve the efficiency and quality of the health care system and create value for all of our stakeholders."

Guidance

The Company is maintaining the full-year 2018 guidance range issued on the fourth quarter 2017 earnings call of revenue and Adjusted EBITDA in excess of \$1.75 billion and \$240 million, respectively. The Company continues to expect to deploy \$80-100 million in capital for acquisitions in FY'18.

Conference Call Information

Surgery Partners will hold a conference call today, May 9, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. (Eastern Time). The conference call can be accessed live over the phone by dialing 1-877-451-6152, or for international callers, 1-201-389-0879. A replay will be available two hours after the call and can be accessed by dialing 1-844-512-2921, or for international callers, 1-412-317-6671. The passcode for the live call and the replay is 13679393. The replay will be available until May 23, 2018.

Interested investors and other parties may also listen to a simultaneous webcast of the conference call by logging onto the Investor Relations section of the Company's website at www.surgerypartners.com. The on-line replay will remain available for a limited time beginning immediately following the call.

To learn more about Surgery Partners, please visit the company's website at www.surgerypartners.com. Surgery Partners uses its website as a channel of distribution for material Company information. Financial and other material information regarding Surgery Partners is routinely posted on the Company's website and is readily accessible.

About Surgery Partners

Headquartered in Brentwood, Tennessee, Surgery Partners is a leading healthcare services company with a differentiated outpatient delivery model focused on providing high quality, cost effective solutions for surgical and related ancillary care in support of both patients and physicians. Founded in 2004, Surgery Partners is one of the largest and fastest growing surgical services businesses in the country, with more than 180 locations in 32 states, including ambulatory surgery centers, surgical hospitals, a diagnostic laboratory, multi-specialty physician practices and urgent care facilities. For additional information, visit www.surgerypartners.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements, including those regarding growth and our anticipated operating results for 2018 and other similar statements. These statements can be identified by the use of words such as "believes," "anticipates," "expects," "intends," "plans," "continues," "estimates," "predicts," "projects," "forecasts," and similar expressions. All forward looking statements are based on current expectations and beliefs as of the date of this release and are subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions that could cause actual results to differ materially from those discussed in, or implied by, the forward-looking statements, including but not limited to, the risks identified and discussed from time to time in the Company's reports filed with the SEC, including the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017. Except as required by law, the Company undertakes no obligation to revise or update publicly any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this report, or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events or circumstances.

Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

In addition to the results prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States ("GAAP") provided throughout this press release, Surgery Partners has presented the following non-GAAP financial measures: EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA and adjusted net (loss) income, which exclude various items detailed in the attached "Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures".

These non-GAAP financial measures are not intended to replace financial performance measures determined in accordance with GAAP. Rather, they are presented as supplemental measures of the Company's performance that management believes may enhance the evaluation of the Company's ongoing operating results. These non-GAAP financial measures are not presented in accordance with GAAP, and the Company's computation of these non-GAAP financial measures are not presented in accordance with GAAP, and the Company's computation of these non-GAAP financial measures may vary from those used by other companies. These measures have limitations as an analytical tool, and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute or alternative to net income or loss, operating income or loss, cash flows from operating activities, total indebtedness or any other measures of operating performance, liquidity or indebtedness derived in accordance with GAAP.

In connection with the Preferred Private Placement and the Private Sale, as previously disclosed on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 1, 2017, the Company elected to apply "pushdown" accounting with the change of control effective August 31, 2017, by applying the guidance in Accounting Standards Codification Topic ("ASC") 805, Business Combinations. Accordingly, the consolidated financial statements of the Company for periods before and after August 31, 2017 will reflect different bases of accounting, and the financial positions and results of operations of those periods are not comparable. Throughout the Company's condensed consolidated financial statements and the accompanying notes therein to be filed on May 10, 2018, periods prior to the change of control are identified as "Predecessor" and periods after the change of control are identified as "Successor."

SURGERY PARTNERS, INC. SELECTED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL DATA (Amounts in thousands, except shares and per share amounts)

	Th	Three Months Ended March 31,			
		2018		2017	
Revenues	\$	417,369	\$	286,183	
Operating expenses:					
Salaries and benefits		129,735		89,887	
Supplies		114,430		71,160	
Professional and medical fees		35,679		21,125	
Lease expense		21,361		13,626	
Other operating expenses		26,107		16,150	
Cost of revenues		327,312		211,948	
General and administrative expenses ⁽¹⁾		24,152		15,541	
Depreciation and amortization		15,749		11,108	
Provision for doubtful accounts		6,037		5,675	
Income from equity investments		(1,862)		(1,200)	
Loss on disposal or impairment of long-lived assets, net		47		1,196	
Merger transaction and integration costs		5,033		337	
Other income		(262)		(143)	
Total operating expenses		376,206		244,462	
Operating income		41,163		41,721	
Interest expense, net		(34,276)		(25,182)	
Income before income taxes		6,887		16,539	
Income tax expense		1,762		2,117	
Net income		5,125		14,422	
Less: Net income attributable to non-controlling interests		(22,646)		(17,176)	
Net loss attributable to Surgery Partners, Inc.		(17,521)		(2,754)	
Less: Amounts attributable to participating securities ⁽²⁾		(7,772)		—	
Net loss attributable to common stockholders	\$	(25,293)	\$	(2,754)	
Net loss per share attributable to common stockholders					
Basic	\$	(0.53)	\$	(0.06)	
Diluted ⁽³⁾	\$	(0.53)	\$	(0.06)	
Weighted average common shares outstanding					
Basic		48,006,870		48,019,652	
Diluted ⁽³⁾		48,006,870		48,019,652	

⁽¹⁾ Includes contingent acquisition compensation expense of \$0.5 million and \$2.0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018 (Successor) and 2017 (Predecessor), respectively.

(2) Includes accrued dividends and undistributed earnings allocated to participating securities for the Series A Preferred Stock. There were no participating securities during the Predecessor period.

⁽³⁾ The impact of potentially dilutive securities for all periods presented was not considered because the effect would be anti-dilutive in those periods.

SURGERY PARTNERS, INC. Selected Financial and Operating Data (Amounts in thousands, except shares and per share amounts)

		March 31, 2018	December 31, 2017		
Balance Sheet Data (at period end):					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	112,816	\$	174,914	
Total current assets		490,579		563,225	
Total assets		4,594,884		4,622,773	
Current maturities of long-term debt		54,386		58,726	
Total current liabilities		285,752		303,005	
Long-term debt, less current maturities		2,122,447		2,130,556	
Total liabilities		2,641,723		2,656,041	
Non-controlling interests—redeemable		313,643		299,316	
Redeemable preferred stock		334,692		330,806	
Total Surgery Partners, Inc. stockholders' equity		630,664		654,731	
Non-controlling interests—non-redeemable		674,162		681,879	
Total stockholders' equity		1,304,826		1,336,610	
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		Mar 2018	rch 31, 2017		
Cash Flow Data:					
Net cash provided by (used in):					
Operating activities	\$	30,056	\$	34,870	
Investing activities		(36,414)		(6,625)	
Capital expenditures		(9,983)		(6,350)	
Payments for acquisitions, net of cash acquired		(25,589)		(275)	
Financing activities		(55,740)		(41,978)	
Distributions to non-controlling interests		(30,919)		(19,262)	
		Three Mor Marc	nths Ended ch 31.		
		2018		2017	
Other Data:					
Number of surgical facilities as of the end of period		125		104	
Number of consolidated surgical facilities as of the end of period		108		94	
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Cases		124,858		108,829	
Revenue per case	\$	3,343	\$	2,630	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	47,077	\$	40,107	
Adjusted EBITDA as a % of revenues		11.3%		14.0%	
Adjusted EPS- Basic	\$	(0.26)	\$	0.04	
Adjusted EPS- Diluted	\$	(0.26)	\$	0.04	

SURGERY PARTNERS, INC. Supplemental Information (Amounts in thousands, except cases and growth rates)

	 Three Months Ended March 31,		
	 2018		2017
Same-facility Information:			
Cases ⁽⁴⁾	135,904		141,758
Case growth	(4.1)%		N/A
Revenue per case ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 3,318	\$	3,196
Revenue per case growth	3.8 %		N/A

(4) Same-facility revenues include revenues from our consolidated and non-consolidated surgical facilities (excluding facilities acquired in new markets or divested during the current and prior periods) along with the revenues from our ancillary services comprised of a diagnostic laboratory, multi-specialty physician practices, urgent care facilities, anesthesia services, optical services and specialty pharmacy services that complement our surgical facilities in our existing markets.

	Three Months Ended March 31,		
	 2018		2017
Segment Revenues:			
Surgical facility services	\$ 394,066	\$	258,149
Ancillary services	20,344		25,212
Optical services	2,959		2,822
Total revenues	\$ 417,369	\$	286,183

	 Three Months Ended March 31,			
	 2018		2017	
Adjusted EBITDA:				
Surgical facility services	\$ 66,467	\$	48,241	
Ancillary services	1,054		3,782	
Optical services	825		776	
All other	(21,269)		(12,692)	
Total adjusted EBITDA	\$ 47,077	\$	40,107	

SURGERY PARTNERS, INC. Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures (Amounts in thousands)

The following table reconciles Adjusted EBITDA to income before income taxes in the reported condensed consolidated financial information, the most directly comparable U.S. GAAP financial measure:

	7	Three Months Ended March 31,		
		2018		2017
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations Data ⁽⁵⁾ :				
Income before income taxes	\$	6,887	\$	16,539
(Minus):				
Net income attributable to non-controlling interests		22,646		17,176
Plus:				
Interest expense, net		34,276		25,182
Depreciation and amortization		15,749		11,108
EBITDA		34,266		35,653
Plus:				
Non-cash stock compensation expense		1,997		634
Merger transaction, integration and practice acquisition costs ⁽⁶⁾		5,485		591
Reserve adjustments ⁽⁷⁾		4,779		_
Loss on disposal or impairment of long-lived assets, net		47		1,196
Contingent acquisition compensation expense		503		2,033
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	47,077	\$	40,107

(5) The above table reconciles Adjusted EBITDA to income before income taxes as reflected in the unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations.

When we use the term "Adjusted EBITDA," it is referring to income before income taxes minus (a) net income attributable to non-controlling interests plus (b) depreciation and amortization, (c) interest expense, net, (d) non-cash stock compensation expense, (e) contingent acquisition compensation expense, (f) merger transaction, integration and practice acquisition costs, (g) reserve adjustments, (h) loss on disposal or impairment of long-lived assets, net. We use Adjusted EBITDA as a measure of financial performance. Adjusted EBITDA is a key measure used by management to assess operating performance, make business decisions and allocate resources. Non-controlling interests represent the interests of third parties, such as physicians, and in some cases, healthcare systems that own an interest in surgical facilities that we consolidate for financial reporting purposes. We believe that it is helpful to investors to present Adjusted EBITDA as defined above because it excludes the portion of net income attributable to these third-party interests and clarifies for investors our portion of Adjusted EBITDA generated by our surgical facilities and other operations.

Adjusted EBITDA is not a measurement of financial performance under GAAP, and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for net income, operating income or any other measure calculated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The items excluded from Adjusted EBITDA are significant components in understanding and evaluating our financial performance. We believes such adjustments are appropriate, as the magnitude and frequency of such items can vary significantly and are not related to the assessment of normal operating performance. Our calculation of Adjusted EBITDA may not be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies.

(6) This amount includes merger transaction and integration costs of \$5.0 million and \$0.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively, and practice acquisition costs of \$0.5 million and \$0.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

(7) This amount represents adjustments to revenue in connection with applying consistent policies across the combined company as a result of the integration of Surgery Partners and NSH.

SURGERY PARTNERS, INC. Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures (Amounts in thousands, except shares and per share amounts)

From time to time, the Company incurs certain non-recurring gains or losses that are normally nonoperational in nature and that it does not consider relevant in assessing its ongoing operating performance. When significant, Surgery Partners' management and Board of Directors typically exclude these gains or losses when evaluating the Company's operating performance and in certain instances when evaluating performance for incentive compensation purposes. Additionally, the Company believes that certain investors and equity analysts exclude these or similar items when evaluating the Company's current or future operating performance and in making informed investment decisions regarding the Company. Accordingly, the Company provides adjusted net (loss) income per share attributable to common stockholders as a supplement to its comparable GAAP measure of net (loss) income per share attributable to common stockholders should not be considered a measure of financial performance under GAAP, and the items excluded from adjusted net (loss) income per share attributable to common stockholders should not be considered in isolation or as an alternative to net income per share attributable to common stockholders as presented in the consolidated financial statements.

The following table reconciles net income as reflected in the consolidated statements of operations to adjusted net (loss) income used to calculate adjusted net (loss) income per share attributable to common stockholders:

	Th	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2018		2017
Consolidated Statements of Operations Data:			
Net Income	\$	5,125 \$	14,422
Less:			
Net income attributable to non-controlling interests	2:	2,646	17,176
Amounts attributable to participating securities ⁽⁸⁾		7,772	—
Plus:			
Non-cash stock compensation expense		1,997	634
Contingent acquisition compensation expense		503	2,033
Merger transaction, integration and practice acquisition costs		5,485	591
Reserve adjustments ⁽⁷⁾		1,779	—
Loss on disposal or impairment of long-lived assets, net		47	1,196
Adjusted net (loss) income attributable to common stockholders	\$ (1	2,482) \$	1,700
Adjusted net (loss) income per share attributable to common stockholders			
Basic	\$	(0.26) \$	0.04
Diluted ⁽⁹⁾	\$	(0.26) \$	0.04
Weighted average common shares outstanding			
Basic	48,00	5,870	48,019,652
Diluted ⁽⁹⁾	48,000	6,870	48,152,988

(8) Includes dividends accrued during the three months ended March 31, 2018 for the Series A Preferred Stock. The Series A Preferred Stock does not participate in undistributed losses. There were no participating securities during the 2017 period.

(9) The impact of potentially dilutive securities for the three months ended March 31, 2018 was not considered because the effect would be anti-dilutive.

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