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): August 10, 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)

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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 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

On March 12, 2018, Surgery Partners, Inc. (the "Company") announced the appointment of Thomas F. Cowhey to serve as the Chief Financial Officer and principal accounting officer of the Company, effective April 2, 2018. Prior to April 2, 2018, Dennis Dean, Senior Vice President and Corporate Controller of the Company was designated as the Company's principal accounting officer. Mr. Dean was also a named executive officer of the Company as of December 31, 2017 for purposes of the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

As part of a prearranged plan, effective August 10, 2018, Mr. Dean resigned his position as Senior Vice President and Corporate Controller of the Company.

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: August 10, 2018