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Form **990**Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**  
Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

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OMB No 1545-0047

**2015**Open to Public  
Inspection**A** For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning and ending**B** Check if applicable

- ☐ Address change  
☐ Name change  
☐ Initial return  
☐ Final return/terminated  
☐ Amended return  
☐ Application pending

**C** Name of organization**THE SOCIETY FOR SURGERY OF THE ALIMENTARY TRACT, INC.**

Doing business as

Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address)

**500 CUMMINGS CENTER**

Room/suite

**4550**

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code

**BEVERLY, MA 01915****F** Name and address of principal officer: **SELWYN M. VICKERS, M.D.****500 CUMMINGS CENTER, SUITE 4550, BEVERLY, MA****D** Employer identification number**36-6147052****E** Telephone number**(978) 927-8330****G** Gross receipts \$**2,895,616.****H(a)** Is this a group returnfor subordinates? ☐ Yes ☒ No**H(b)** Are all subordinates included? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)

**H(c)** Group exemption number ▶**I** Tax-exempt status: ☐ 501(c)(3) ☒ 501(c)( 6 ) (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527**J** Website: **WWW.SSAT.COM****K** Form of organization: ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ▶**L** Year of formation: **1960****M** State of legal domicile: **DE****Part I Summary**

Activities & Governance	1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <b>TO SUPPORT TRAINING AND RESEARCH RELATED TO THE ALIMENTARY TRACT THROUGH FUNDING AND PUBLICATIONS</b>		
	2	Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
	3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	17
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	17
	5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2015 (Part V, line 2a)	5	0
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	326
	Revenue	7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 34	7a
b		Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	22,378.
8		Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
9		Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	65,500.	75,000.
10		Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	764,827.	767,835.
11		Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	317,817.	125,288.
12		Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	314,523.	319,894.
13		Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	1,462,667.	1,288,017.
14		Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	156,764.	580,595.
Expenses		15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	0.
	16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0.	0.
	b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶	0.	0.
	17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	911,268.	1,054,403.
	18	Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	1,068,032.	1,634,998.
	19	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	394,635.	-346,981.
	Net Assets or Fund Balances	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year
21		Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	3,606,320.	3,109,763.
22		Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	20,150.	345.
			3,586,170.	3,109,418.

**Part II Signature Block**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

**Sign Here** ▶ Signature of officer **Mark P. Callery, M.D.** Date **5/21/2016**  
 ▶ **MARK P. CALLERY, M.D., TREASURER**  
 Type or print name and title

**Paid Preparer** Print/Type preparer's name **RAYMOND L. ANSTISS, JR.** Preparer's signature **RAYMOND L. ANSTISS,** Date **05/13/16** Check ☐ if self-employed PTIN **P00142883**  
**Use Only** Firm's name ▶ **ANSTISS & CO., P.C.** Firm's EIN ▶ **04-2917204**  
 Firm's address ▶ **1115 WESTFORD STREET** Phone no. **(978) 452-2500**  
**LOWELL, MA 01851**

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)

☒ Yes ☐ No

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**Part III** Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III

☒ X

- 1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:  
**THE OBJECTIVES OF THE SOCIETY FOR SURGERY OF THE ALIMENTARY TRACT ARE;**  
**1.) TO STIMULATE, FOSTER, AND PROVIDE SURGICAL LEADERSHIP IN THE ART AND SCIENCE OF PATIENT CARE;**
- 2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.
- 3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.
- 4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.
- 4a (Code ) (Expenses \$ 241,706. including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 104,870.)  
**PUBLICATIONS - SUBSCRIPTIONS, NEWSLETTER, ROSTER AND RELATED EXPENSES TO KEEP MEMBERSHIP UP TO DATE ON THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS OF THE ALIMENTARY TRACT.**
- 4b (Code ) (Expenses \$ 580,595. including grants of \$ 580,595.) (Revenue \$ )  
**GRANTS & CONTRIBUTIONS - TO HELP TEACH AND RESEARCH THE DISEASES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE ALIMENTARY TRACT.**
- 4c (Code ) (Expenses \$ 128,819. including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 496,703.)  
**ANNUAL & POSTGRADUATE MEETINGS - TO UPDATE MEMBERSHIP OF VARIOUS RESEARCH AND TECHNIQUES TO TREAT THE ALIMENTARY TRACT AND TO ENCOURAGE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES.**
- 4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)  
(Expenses \$ 119,425. including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ -825.)
- 4e Total program service expenses **1,070,545.**

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**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>2</b> Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> ?	<b>X</b>	
<b>3</b> Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>4</b> <b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>		
<b>5</b> Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>6</b> Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>7</b> Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>8</b> Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>9</b> Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>10</b> Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>11</b> If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.		
<b>a</b> Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>b</b> Did the organization report an amount for investments - other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>c</b> Did the organization report an amount for investments - program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>d</b> Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>e</b> Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>f</b> Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>12a</b> Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>b</b> Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>13</b> Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>14a</b> Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		<b>X</b>
<b>b</b> Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>15</b> Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>16</b> Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>17</b> Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>18</b> Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>19</b> Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i>		<b>X</b>

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**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules** (continued)

	Yes	No
<b>20a</b> Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H		<b>X</b>
<b>b</b> If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		
<b>21</b> Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II	<b>X</b>	
<b>22</b> Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III	<b>X</b>	
<b>23</b> Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? If "Yes," complete Schedule J		<b>X</b>
<b>24a</b> Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a		<b>X</b>
<b>b</b> Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
<b>c</b> Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
<b>d</b> Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
<b>25a</b> <b>Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		
<b>b</b> Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		
<b>26</b> Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II		<b>X</b>
<b>27</b> Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III		<b>X</b>
<b>28</b> Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):		
<b>a</b> A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		<b>X</b>
<b>b</b> A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		<b>X</b>
<b>c</b> An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		<b>X</b>
<b>29</b> Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M		<b>X</b>
<b>30</b> Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M		<b>X</b>
<b>31</b> Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I		<b>X</b>
<b>32</b> Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II		<b>X</b>
<b>33</b> Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I		<b>X</b>
<b>34</b> Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1	<b>X</b>	
<b>35a</b> Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	<b>X</b>	
<b>b</b> If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2		<b>X</b>
<b>36</b> <b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2		
<b>37</b> Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI		<b>X</b>
<b>38</b> Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19?	<b>X</b>	

**Note.** All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O

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**Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure** For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI

☒ **X**

**Section A. Governing Body and Management**

	Yes	No
<b>1a</b> Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O.	17	
<b>1b</b> Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent	17	
<b>2</b> Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	2	<b>X</b>
<b>3</b> Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?	3	<b>X</b>
<b>4</b> Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4	<b>X</b>
<b>5</b> Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?	5	<b>X</b>
<b>6</b> Did the organization have members or stockholders?	6	<b>X</b>
<b>7a</b> Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?	7a	<b>X</b>
<b>b</b> Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?	7b	<b>X</b>
<b>8</b> Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
<b>a</b> The governing body?	8a	<b>X</b>
<b>b</b> Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b	<b>X</b>
<b>9</b> Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O	9	<b>X</b>

**Section B. Policies** (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

	Yes	No
<b>10a</b> Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	10a	<b>X</b>
<b>b</b> If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?	10b	
<b>11a</b> Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	11a	<b>X</b>
<b>b</b> Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.		
<b>12a</b> Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	12a	<b>X</b>
<b>b</b> Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b	<b>X</b>
<b>c</b> Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done	12c	<b>X</b>
<b>13</b> Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13	<b>X</b>
<b>14</b> Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	14	<b>X</b>
<b>15</b> Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?		
<b>a</b> The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	15a	<b>X</b>
<b>b</b> Other officers or key employees of the organization	15b	<b>X</b>
If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions).		
<b>16a</b> Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?	16a	<b>X</b>
<b>b</b> If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?	16b	

**Section C. Disclosure**

**17** List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed **NONE**

**18** Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.  
☐ Own website    ☐ Another's website    ☒ Upon request    ☐ Other (explain in Schedule O)

**19** Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.

**20** State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records: **PRRI - 978-927-8330**  
**500 CUMMINGS CENTER, STE 4550, BEVERLY, MA 01915**

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**Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII ☐

**Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees**

**1a** Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** directors or trustees that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

☐ Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) FABRIZIO MICHELASSI, M.D. CHAIR	2.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(2) SELWYN M. VICKERS, M.D. PRESIDENT	2.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(3) NATHANIEL J. SOPER, M.D. PRESIDENT-ELECT	2.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(4) SUSAN GALANDIUK, M.D. VICE PRESIDENT	2.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(5) JENNIFER F. TSENG, M.D. SECRETARY	2.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(6) MARK P. CALLERY, M.D. TREASURER	2.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(7) MARK A. TALAMINI, M.D. RECORDER	2.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(8) JEFFREY B. MATTHEWS, M.D. TRUSTEE	2.00	X						60,000.	0.	0.
(9) ROBIN S. MCLEOD, M.D. TRUSTEE	2.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(10) JOHN S. BOLTON, M.D. TRUSTEE-AT-LARGE	2.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(11) RICHARD A. HODIN, M.D. TRUSTEE-AT-LARGE	2.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(12) MARCO G. PATTI, M.D. TRUSTEE-AT-LARGE	2.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(13) TAYLOR S. RIALI, M.D. TRUSTEE-AT-LARGE	2.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(14) STEVEN C. STAIN, M.D. TRUSTEE-AT-LARGE	2.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(15) MARY T. HAWN, M.D. TRUSTEE-AT-LARGE	2.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(16) SHARON M. WEBER, M.D. TRUSTEE-AT-LARGE	2.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(17) JEAN NICOLAS VAUTHEY, M.D. PROGRAM COMMITTEE CHAIR, TRUSTEE-AT-	2.00	X						0.	0.	0.



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**Part VII** Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(18) BRUCE D. SCHIRMER, M.D. VICE PRESIDENT (5/15)	2.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(19) STANLEY W. ASHLEY, M.D. SECRETARY (5/15)	2.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(20) JOHN G. HUNTER, M.D. TRUSTEE (5/15)	2.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(21) TONIA M. YOUNG-FADOK, M.D. TRUSTEE-AT-LARGE (5/15)	2.00	X						0.	0.	0.
<b>1b Sub-total</b>								60,000.	0.	0.
<b>c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A</b>								0.	0.	0.
<b>d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)</b>								60,000.	0.	0.

**2** Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization 0

	Yes	No
<b>3</b> Did the organization list any <b>former</b> officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	3	X
<b>4</b> For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	4	X
<b>5</b> Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i>	5	X

**Section B. Independent Contractors**

**1** Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
PRRI, 500 CUMMINGS CENTER, STE 4550, BEVERLY, MA 01915	MANAGEMENT SERVICES	492,484.

**2** Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization 1

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**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII ☐

				(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514
<b>Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts</b>	<b>1 a</b> Federated campaigns	<b>1a</b>					
	<b>b</b> Membership dues	<b>1b</b>					
	<b>c</b> Fundraising events	<b>1c</b>					
	<b>d</b> Related organizations	<b>1d</b>					
	<b>e</b> Government grants (contributions)	<b>1e</b>					
	<b>f</b> All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	<b>1f</b>	75,000.				
	<b>g</b> Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$						
<b>h Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f			75,000.				
<b>Program Service Revenue</b>			<b>Business Code</b>				
	<b>2 a</b> ANNUAL MEETING		900099	496,703.	472,243.	24,460.	
	<b>b</b> MEMBERSHIP DUES		900099	167,087.	167,087.		
	<b>c</b> SUBSCRIPTIONS		511120	104,870.	104,870.		
	<b>d</b> VSP MODULES		900099	-825.	-825.		
	<b>e</b>						
	<b>f</b> All other program service revenue						
<b>g Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f			767,835.				
<b>Other Revenue</b>	<b>3</b> Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)			72,765.			72,765.
	<b>4</b> Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
	<b>5</b> Royalties			319,894.			319,894.
			(i) Real (ii) Personal				
	<b>6 a</b> Gross rents						
	<b>b</b> Less: rental expenses						
	<b>c</b> Rental income or (loss)						
	<b>d</b> Net rental income or (loss)						
	<b>7 a</b> Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities (ii) Other					
		1,660,122.					
	<b>b</b> Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses						
		1,607,599.					
	<b>c</b> Gain or (loss)						
		52,523.					
	<b>d</b> Net gain or (loss)			52,523.			52,523.
	<b>8 a</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18						
		<b>a</b>					
	<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses	<b>b</b>					
	<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from fundraising events						
<b>9 a</b> Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19							
	<b>a</b>						
<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses	<b>b</b>						
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming activities							
<b>10 a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances							
	<b>a</b>						
<b>b</b> Less: cost of goods sold	<b>b</b>						
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory							
<b>Miscellaneous Revenue</b>							
		<b>Business Code</b>					
<b>11 a</b>							
<b>b</b>							
<b>c</b>							
<b>d</b> All other revenue							
<b>e Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d							
<b>12 Total revenue.</b> See instructions.			1,288,017.	743,375.	24,460.	445,182.	

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**Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses**

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX ☐

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
<b>1</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21	499,375.	499,375.		
<b>2</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22	62,741.	62,741.		
<b>3</b> Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16	18,479.	18,479.		
<b>4</b> Benefits paid to or for members				
<b>5</b> Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees				
<b>6</b> Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
<b>7</b> Other salaries and wages				
<b>8</b> Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
<b>9</b> Other employee benefits				
<b>10</b> Payroll taxes				
<b>11</b> Fees for services (non-employees):				
<b>a</b> Management	288,678.		288,678.	
<b>b</b> Legal	309.		309.	
<b>c</b> Accounting	14,221.		14,221.	
<b>d</b> Lobbying				
<b>e</b> Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
<b>f</b> Investment management fees	29,285.		29,285.	
<b>g</b> Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Sch O.)				
<b>12</b> Advertising and promotion				
<b>13</b> Office expenses				
<b>14</b> Information technology				
<b>15</b> Royalties				
<b>16</b> Occupancy				
<b>17</b> Travel				
<b>18</b> Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
<b>19</b> Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
<b>20</b> Interest	268,347.	128,819.	139,528.	
<b>21</b> Payments to affiliates				
<b>22</b> Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
<b>23</b> Insurance	3,633.		3,633.	
<b>24</b> Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
<b>a TAXES</b>	11,596.		11,596.	
<b>b PRINTING AND PUBLICATIONS</b>	244,979.	241,706.	3,273.	
<b>c COMMITTEES</b>	114,053.	114,053.		
<b>d HOME PAGE</b>	40,544.		40,544.	
<b>e</b> All other expenses	38,758.	5,372.	33,386.	
<b>25 Total functional expenses.</b> Add lines 1 through 24e	1,634,998.	1,070,545.	564,453.	0.
<b>26 Joint costs.</b> Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation.				

Check here ☐ if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)

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**Part X Balance Sheet**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X ☐

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
<b>Assets</b>	<b>1</b> Cash - non-interest-bearing	358,386.	<b>1</b>	148,527.
	<b>2</b> Savings and temporary cash investments	250,550.	<b>2</b>	210,798.
	<b>3</b> Pledges and grants receivable, net		<b>3</b>	
	<b>4</b> Accounts receivable, net	12,500.	<b>4</b>	0.
	<b>5</b> Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L		<b>5</b>	
	<b>6</b> Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instr). Complete Part II of Sch L		<b>6</b>	
	<b>7</b> Notes and loans receivable, net		<b>7</b>	
	<b>8</b> Inventories for sale or use		<b>8</b>	
	<b>9</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	6,375.	<b>9</b>	6,375.
	<b>10a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	<b>10a</b>		
	<b>b</b> Less: accumulated depreciation	<b>10b</b>	<b>10c</b>	
	<b>11</b> Investments - publicly traded securities	2,975,348.	<b>11</b>	2,741,218.
	<b>12</b> Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11		<b>12</b>	
	<b>13</b> Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11		<b>13</b>	
	<b>14</b> Intangible assets		<b>14</b>	
	<b>15</b> Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	3,161.	<b>15</b>	2,845.
<b>16</b> <b>Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	3,606,320.	<b>16</b>	3,109,763.	
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>17</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses	19,120.	<b>17</b>	345.
	<b>18</b> Grants payable		<b>18</b>	
	<b>19</b> Deferred revenue	1,030.	<b>19</b>	0.
	<b>20</b> Tax-exempt bond liabilities		<b>20</b>	
	<b>21</b> Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		<b>21</b>	
	<b>22</b> Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L		<b>22</b>	
	<b>23</b> Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		<b>23</b>	
	<b>24</b> Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		<b>24</b>	
	<b>25</b> Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D		<b>25</b>	
	<b>26</b> <b>Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25	20,150.	<b>26</b>	345.
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.</b>			
	<b>27</b> Unrestricted net assets	3,586,170.	<b>27</b>	3,109,418.
	<b>28</b> Temporarily restricted net assets		<b>28</b>	
	<b>29</b> Permanently restricted net assets		<b>29</b>	
	<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 30 through 34.</b>			
	<b>30</b> Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		<b>30</b>	
	<b>31</b> Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		<b>31</b>	
	<b>32</b> Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		<b>32</b>	
	<b>33</b> <b>Total net assets or fund balances</b>	3,586,170.	<b>33</b>	3,109,418.
<b>34</b> <b>Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances</b>	3,606,320.	<b>34</b>	3,109,763.	

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**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI ☐

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	1,288,017.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	1,634,998.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-346,981.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	3,586,170.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	-129,771.
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	0.
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	3,109,418.

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII ☒

- 1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: ☐ Cash ☐ Accrual ☒ Other SEE SCH O  
If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.
- 2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?  
If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:  
☒ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis
- b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?  
If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:  
☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis
- c If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?  
If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.
- 3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?
- b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits

	Yes	No
2a	X	
2b		X
2c	X	
3a		X
3b		

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**SCHEDULE C**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities**

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527  
▶ **Complete if the organization is described below.** ▶ **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.**  
▶ **Information about Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).**

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Inspection**

If the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and B. Do not complete Part I-C.
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and C below. Do not complete Part I-B.
- Section 527 organizations: Complete Part I-A only.

If the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-A. Do not complete Part II-B.
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-B. Do not complete Part II-A.

If the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 5 (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions), then

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations: Complete Part III.

Name of organization **THE SOCIETY FOR SURGERY OF THE  
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Employer identification number  
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**Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.**

- 1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV.
- 2 Political expenditures ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Volunteer hours \_\_\_\_\_

**Part I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).**

- 1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955 ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?  
☐ Yes ☐ No
- 4a Was a correction made?  
☐ Yes ☐ No
- b If "Yes," describe in Part IV.

**Part I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).**

- 1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Total exempt function expenditures. Add lines 1 and 2. Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Did the filing organization file Form 1120-POL for this year? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments. For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds. Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC). If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV.

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds. If none, enter -0-	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization. If none, enter -0-

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Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2015

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**Part II-A** Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

- A** Check ☐ if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures).
- B** Check ☐ if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply.

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
<b>1a</b> Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)															
<b>b</b> Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)															
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)															
<b>d</b> Other exempt purpose expenditures															
<b>e</b> Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)															
<b>f</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.															
<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th> <th>The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Not over \$500,000</td> <td>20% of the amount on line 1e.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td> <td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td> <td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$1,000,000.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:	Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.	Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.		
If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:														
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.														
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.														
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.														
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.														
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.														
<b>g</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)															
<b>h</b> Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0-															
<b>i</b> Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0-															
<b>j</b> If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?															

☐ Yes ☐ No
**4-Year Averaging Period Under section 501(h)**

(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below.

See the separate instructions for lines 2a through 2f.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2012	(b) 2013	(c) 2014	(d) 2015	(e) Total
<b>2a</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount					
<b>b</b> Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures					
<b>d</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount					
<b>e</b> Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					
<b>f</b> Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

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Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

*For each "Yes," response on lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity.*

For each "Yes," response on lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity.	(a)		(b)
	Yes	No	Amount
<b>1</b> During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of:			
<b>a</b> Volunteers?			
<b>b</b> Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?			
<b>c</b> Media advertisements?			
<b>d</b> Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?			
<b>e</b> Publications, or published or broadcast statements?			
<b>f</b> Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?			
<b>g</b> Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?			
<b>h</b> Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?			
<b>i</b> Other activities?			
<b>j</b> Total. Add lines 1c through 1i			
<b>2a</b> Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?			
<b>b</b> If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
<b>c</b> If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
<b>d</b> If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

**Part III-A** Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).

	Yes	No
1 Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?		X
2 Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?		X
3 Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?		X

**Part III-B** Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) and if either (a) BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2, are answered "No," OR (b) Part III-A, line 3, is answered "Yes."

1	Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1	167,087.
2	Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).		
a	Current year	2a	15,300.
b	Carryover from last year	2b	
c	Total	2c	15,300.
3	Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3	
4	If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	4	0.
5	Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	5	15,300.

Part IV	Supplemental Information
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Provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1; Part I-B, line 4; Part I-C, line 5; Part II-A (affiliated group list); Part II-A, lines 1 and 2 (see instructions); and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information.



**SCHEDULE D**  
(Form 990)Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service**Supplemental Financial Statements**▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990,  
Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.  
▶ Attach to Form 990.▶ Information about Schedule D (Form 990) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

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InspectionName of the organization **THE SOCIETY FOR SURGERY OF THE  
ALIMENTARY TRACT, INC.**Employer identification number  
**36-6147052****Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.** Complete if the  
organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate value of grants from (during year)		
4 Aggregate value at end of year		
5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

**Part II Conservation Easements.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply).

<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education)	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a historically important land area
<input type="checkbox"/> Protection of natural habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a certified historic structure
<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of open space	

2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year.

	Held at the End of the Tax Year
a Total number of conservation easements	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2d

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? ☐ Yes ☐ No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.

**Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items:

(i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1	▶ \$ _____
(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X	▶ \$ _____

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items:

a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1	▶ \$ _____
b Assets included in Form 990, Part X	▶ \$ _____

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**Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets** (continued)

3 Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):

- a ☐ Public exhibition  
 b ☐ Scholarly research  
 c ☐ Preservation for future generations  
 d ☐ Loan or exchange programs  
 e ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII.

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? ☐ Yes ☐ No

**Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table:

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

- c Beginning balance  
 d Additions during the year  
 e Distributions during the year  
 f Ending balance

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided on Part XIII ☐

**Part V Endowment Funds.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:

- a Board designated or quasi-endowment  %  
 b Permanent endowment  %  
 c Temporarily restricted endowment  %

The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:

- (i) unrelated organizations  
 (ii) related organizations

	Yes	No
3a(i)		
3a(ii)		
3b		

b If "Yes" on line 3a(i), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

4 Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

**Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment				
e Other				

**Total.** Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.)  0.

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**Part VII Investments - Other Securities.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11b. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely-held equity interests		
(3) Other		
(A)		
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
Total. (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.) ▶		

**Part VIII Investments - Program Related.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
Total. (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 13.) ▶		

**Part IX Other Assets.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11d. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 15.) ▶	

**Part X Other Liabilities.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.) ▶	

2. Liability for uncertain tax positions. In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740). Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII ☒

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**Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

<b>1</b>	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements		<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b>	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:			
<b>a</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	<b>2a</b>		
<b>b</b>	Donated services and use of facilities	<b>2b</b>		
<b>c</b>	Recoveries of prior year grants	<b>2c</b>		
<b>d</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	<b>2d</b>		
<b>e</b>	Add lines <b>2a</b> through <b>2d</b>		<b>2e</b>	
<b>3</b>	Subtract line <b>2e</b> from line <b>1</b>		<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b>	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:			
<b>a</b>	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	<b>4a</b>		
<b>b</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	<b>4b</b>		
<b>c</b>	Add lines <b>4a</b> and <b>4b</b>		<b>4c</b>	
<b>5</b>	Total revenue. Add lines <b>3</b> and <b>4c</b> . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)		<b>5</b>	

**Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

<b>1</b>	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements		<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b>	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:			
<b>a</b>	Donated services and use of facilities	<b>2a</b>		
<b>b</b>	Prior year adjustments	<b>2b</b>		
<b>c</b>	Other losses	<b>2c</b>		
<b>d</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	<b>2d</b>		
<b>e</b>	Add lines <b>2a</b> through <b>2d</b>		<b>2e</b>	
<b>3</b>	Subtract line <b>2e</b> from line <b>1</b>		<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b>	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:			
<b>a</b>	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	<b>4a</b>		
<b>b</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	<b>4b</b>		
<b>c</b>	Add lines <b>4a</b> and <b>4b</b>		<b>4c</b>	
<b>5</b>	Total expenses. Add lines <b>3</b> and <b>4c</b> . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)		<b>5</b>	

**Part XIII Supplemental Information.**

Provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9; Part III, lines 1a and 4; Part IV, lines 1b and 2b; Part V, line 4; Part X, line 2; Part XI, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

**PART X, LINE 2:**

UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS - ASC 740-10, "INCOME TAXES," REQUIRES THE SOCIETY TO EVALUATE AND DISCLOSE TAX POSITIONS THAT COULD HAVE AN EFFECT ON THE SOCIETY'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. THE SOCIETY REPORTS ITS ACTIVITIES TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE ON AN ANNUAL BASIS. THESE INFORMATIONAL RETURNS ARE GENERALLY SUBJECT TO AUDIT AND REVIEW BY THE GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS AFTER FILING. SUBSTANTIALLY ALL OF THE SOCIETY'S INCOME, EXPENDITURES AND ACTIVITIES RELATE TO ITS EXEMPT PURPOSE, THEREFORE, MANAGEMENT HAS DETERMINED THAT THE SOCIETY IS NOT SUBJECT TO MATERIAL UNRELATED BUSINESS INCOME TAXES AND WILL CONTINUE TO QUALIFY AS A TAX-EXEMPT NOT-FOR-PROFIT ENTITY.

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**Part XIII** Supplemental Information (continued)

Lined area for supplemental information.

**SCHEDULE F**  
**(Form 990)**Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service**Statement of Activities Outside the United States**

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 14b, 15, or 16.

▶ Attach to Form 990.

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Name of the organization

**THE SOCIETY FOR SURGERY OF THE  
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Employer identification number

**36-6147052****Part I** **General Information on Activities Outside the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on  
Form 990, Part IV, line 14b.

**1 For grantmakers.** Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of its grants and other assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? ☒ **Yes** ☐ **No**

**2 For grantmakers.** Describe in Part V the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of its grants and other assistance outside the United States.

**3 Activities per Region.** (The following Part I, line 3 table can be duplicated if additional space is needed.)

(a) Region	(b) Number of offices in the region	(c) Number of employees, agents, and independent contractors in region	(d) Activities conducted in region (by type) (e.g., fundraising, program services, investments, grants to recipients located in the region)	(e) If activity listed in (d) is a program service, describe specific type of service(s) in region	(f) Total expenditures for and investments in region
MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA	0	0	GRANT TO RECIPIENT LOCATED IN REGION		9,239.
SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA	0	0	GRANT TO RECIPIENT LOCATED IN REGION		9,240.
<b>3 a Sub-total</b>	0	0			18,479.
<b>b Total from continuation sheets to Part I</b>	0	0			0.
<b>c Totals (add lines 3a and 3b)</b>	0	0			18,479.

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**2** Enter total number of recipient organizations listed above that are recognized as charities by the foreign country, recognized as tax-exempt by the IRS, or for which the grantee or counsel has provided a section 501(c)(3) equivalency letter

**3 Enter total number of other organizations or entities**

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**Part III** Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 16.

Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

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**Part IV** Foreign Forms

- 1 Was the organization a U.S. transferor of property to a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 926, Return by a U.S. Transferor of Property to a Foreign Corporation (see Instructions for Form 926)* ☐ Yes ☒ No
- 2 Did the organization have an interest in a foreign trust during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to separately file Form 3520, Annual Return To Report Transactions With Foreign Trusts and Receipt of Certain Foreign Gifts, and/or Form 3520-A, Annual Information Return of Foreign Trust With a U.S. Owner (see Instructions for Forms 3520 and 3520-A; do not file with Form 990)* ☐ Yes ☒ No
- 3 Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 5471, Information Return of U.S. Persons With Respect to Certain Foreign Corporations (see Instructions for Form 5471)* ☐ Yes ☒ No
- 4 Was the organization a direct or indirect shareholder of a passive foreign investment company or a qualified electing fund during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8621, Information Return by a Shareholder of a Passive Foreign Investment Company or Qualified Electing Fund (see Instructions for Form 8621)* ☐ Yes ☒ No
- 5 Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign partnership during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8865, Return of U.S. Persons With Respect to Certain Foreign Partnerships (see Instructions for Form 8865)* ☐ Yes ☒ No
- 6 Did the organization have any operations in or related to any boycotting countries during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to separately file Form 5713, International Boycott Report (see Instructions for Form 5713; do not file with Form 990)* ☐ Yes ☒ No

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## Part V

## Supplemental Information

Provide the information required by Part I, line 2 (monitoring of funds); Part I, line 3, column (f) (accounting method; amounts of investments vs. expenditures per region); Part II, line 1 (accounting method); Part III (accounting method); and Part III, column (c) (estimated number of recipients), as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

**SCHEDULE I  
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,  
Governments, and Individuals in the United States**  
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.  
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**Part I** General Information on Grants and Assistance

**1** Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance?

☒ Yes ☐ No

**2** Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States.

**Part II** Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

1 (a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
SOCIETY FOR SURGERY OF THE ALIMENTARY TRACT FOUNDATION - 500 CUMMINGS CENTER, STE 4550 - BEVERLY, MA 01915	31-1731986	501 (C)(3)	435,375.	0.			GENERAL SUPPORT TO SUPPORT THE FOUNDATIONS GOAL OF FUNDING FELLOWSHIPS IN VARIOUS AREAS OF SURGERY
FOUNDATION OF SURGICAL FELLOWSHIPS 11300 WEST OLYMPIC BOULEVARD LOS ANGELES, CA 90064	27-1615075	501 (C)(3)	60,000.	0.			

**2** Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table

2.

**3** Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table

0.

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**Part III** Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Individuals. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 22.  
Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of non-cash assistance
CLINICAL RESEARCH GRANT	2	40,000.	0.		
HEALTH CARE DISPARITIES RESEARCH AWARD	1	20,000.	0.		
PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD	1	822.	0.		
WRITERS WORKSHOP SCHOLARSHIP	3	1,919.	0.		

**Part IV** Supplemental Information. Provide the information required in Part I, line 2, Part III, column (b), and any other additional information.

PART I, LINE 2:

THE SSAT GRANTS TO THE FOUNDATION ARE USED TO GROW THE FOUNDATION'S CORPUS  
AND SUPPORT THE FOUNDATION'S CURRENT INITIATIVES, WHICH INCLUDE: THE CAREER  
DEVELOPMENT AWARD FOR YOUNG FACULTY MEMBERS; THE RESIDENTS AND FELLOWS  
RESEARCH CONFERENCE HELD AT THE TIME OF DIGESTIVE DISEASE WEEK; THE DORIS  
AND JOHN L. CAMERON GUEST ORATION; THE MAJA AND FRANK MOODY  
STATE-OF-THE-ART LECTURE; THE KELLY AND CARLOS PELLEGRINI SSAT/SAGES JOINT  
SYMPOSIUM; THE CAROL AND TOM R. DEMEESTER TRAVELING FELLOWSHIP FOR SURGEONS  
WITHIN THE U.S. OR CANADA; THE KAREN AND JOSEF E. FISCHER INTERNATIONAL

**Part IV** Supplemental Information

TRAVELING FELLOWSHIP AWARD FOR SURGEONS IN ACADEMIC PRACTICE; THE ANDREW L. WARSHAW MASTER EDUCATOR AWARD; THE LAYTON F. RIKKERS MASTER CLINICIAN AWARD; THE MENTORED RESEARCH AWARDS; AND THE FOUNDATION AWARDS RECEPTION (TO BUILD AWARENESS AND RAISE FUNDS). THE RESEARCH AWARDS REQUIRE INTERIM PROGRESS AND FINAL REPORTS (WHICH ARE POSTED ONLINE); THE TRAVELING FELLOWSHIPS REQUIRE FINAL REPORTS (ALSO POSTED ONLINE); SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS ARE OVERSEEN BY THE SSAT PROGRAM COMMITTEE; AND THE MASTER AWARDS ARE PRIMARILY CORPUS FUNDS.

THE SSAT CAREER DEVELOPMENT AWARDS FOR CLINICAL/OUTCOMES/EDUCATION RESEARCH REQUIRE INTERIM PROGRESS AND FINAL REPORTS (WHICH ARE POSTED ONLINE).

**SCHEDULE O**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

Department of the Treasury  
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**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on  
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.  
▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

▶ Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

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FORM 990, PART III, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:

2.) TO TEACH AND RESEARCH THE DISEASES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE ALIMENTARY  
TRACT;

3.) TO PROVIDE A FORUM FOR THE PRESENTATION OF SUCH KNOWLEDGE; AND

4.) TO ENCOURAGE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES, FUNDING, AND SCIENTIFIC  
PUBLICATIONS SUPPORTING THE FOREGOING ACTIVITIES.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4D, OTHER PROGRAM SERVICES:

OFFICERS, COMMITTEES, AND REPRESENTATIVES - EXPENSES RELATED TO THE  
GOVERNANCE AND OVERSIGHT OF THE SOCIETY'S EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES  
INCLUDING KEEPING THE MEMBERSHIP INFORMED OF ITS OWN AND OTHER MEDICAL  
SOCIETY DEVELOPMENTS.

EXPENSES \$ 114,053. INCLUDING GRANTS OF \$ 0. REVENUE \$ 0.

VSP MODULES - VIRTUAL DECISION-MAKING SIMULATIONS THAT ENABLE SURGEONS  
TO OBTAIN SELF-ASSESSMENT CERTIFICATION CREDITS TOWARD THE AMERICAN  
BOARD OF SURGERY MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.

EXPENSES \$ 0. INCLUDING GRANTS OF \$ 0. REVENUE \$ -825.

JOINT SYMPOSIA - GI EDUCATIONAL OFFERINGS AT MEETINGS OF REGIONAL  
SURGICAL ORGANIZATIONS.

EXPENSES \$ 5,372. INCLUDING GRANTS OF \$ 0. REVENUE \$ 0.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 3:

THE PROFESSIONAL RELATIONS AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE (PRRI) OF BEVERLY,  
MASSACHUSETTS, MAINTAINS THE BOOKS AND RECORDS OF THE ORGANIZATION AND

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PERFORMS OTHER RELATED MANAGERIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS FOR WHICH IT  
IS COMPENSATED.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 6:

THE ORGANIZATION HAS FIVE CLASSES OF MEMBERS: ACTIVE, SENIOR, HONORARY,  
MEDICAL STUDENT, AND CANDIDATE.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7A:

ACTIVE AND SENIOR MEMBERS HAVE THE RIGHT TO ELECT MEMBERS AND OFFICERS OF  
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7B:

ACTIVE AND SENIOR MEMBERS HAVE THE RIGHT TO APPROVE CONSTITUTIONAL AND  
BY-LAW CHANGES, AS WELL AS APPROVE CHANGES IN ANNUAL DUES.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11:

990 IS REVIEWED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF OF THE MANAGERIAL COMPANY  
(PRRI) AND IS THEN PROVIDED TO THE TREASURER FOR FINAL REVIEW BEFORE IT IS  
FILED.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C:

THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY IS DISTRIBUTED, DISCUSSED AND UPDATED AT  
EACH COUNCIL MEETING IN ORDER FOR THE ORGANIZATION TO MONITOR AND ENFORCE  
COMPLIANCE WITH THE POLICY BY ALL OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 18:

FORM 990 IS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE  
OFFICES OF THE ORGANIZATION'S MANAGEMENT COMPANY (PRRI).

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19:

GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
ARE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES OF  
THE ORGANIZATION'S MANAGEMENT COMPANY (PRRI).

FORM 990, PART XII, LINE 1, OTHER ACCOUNTING METHOD:

MODIFIED CASH BASIS OF ACCOUNTING



**SCHEDULE R**  
**(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships**

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35b, 36, or 37.  
▶ Attach to Form 990.

▶ Information about Schedule R (Form 990) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

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**Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33.

(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity

**Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
						Yes	No
THE SOCIETY FOR SURGERY OF THE ALIMENTARY TRACT FOUNDATION, INC. - 31-173198, 500 CUMMINGS CENTER, STE 4550, BEVERLY, MA	PROVIDING FUNDS FOR EDUCATIONAL GRANTS	OHIO	501(C)(3)	LINE 11B, II	THE SOCIETY FOR SURGERY OF THE ALIMENTARY TRACT,		X

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990.

SEE PART VII FOR CONTINUATIONS

Schedule R (Form 990) 2015

**Part III** Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.

[illegible]

**Part IV** Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.

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**Part V Transactions With Related Organizations** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35b, or 36.

**Note.** Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule.

**1** During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?

**a** Receipt of (i) interest, (ii) annuities, (iii) royalties, or (iv) rent from a controlled entity

**b** Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)

**c** Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)

**d** Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)

**e** Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)

**f** Dividends from related organization(s)

**g** Sale of assets to related organization(s)

**h** Purchase of assets from related organization(s)

**i** Exchange of assets with related organization(s)

**j** Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)

**k** Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)

**l** Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)

**m** Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)

**n** Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)

**o** Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)

**p** Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses

**q** Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses

**r** Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)

**s** Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)

**2** If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds.

(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1) SSAT FOUNDATION	B	435,375.	ACTUAL AMT. OF GRANT AND SERVICES
(2)			
(3)			
(4)			
(5)			
(6)			

**Part VI**   **Unrelated Organizations Taxable as a Partnership** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 37.

Provide the following information for each entity taxed as a partnership through which the organization conducted more than five percent of its activities (measured by total assets or gross revenue) that was not a related organization. See instructions regarding exclusion for certain investment partnerships.

[illegible]

**Part VII** Supplemental Information

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule R (see instructions).

**PART II, IDENTIFICATION OF RELATED TAX-EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS:****NAME, ADDRESS, AND EIN OF RELATED ORGANIZATION:**THE SOCIETY FOR SURGERY OF THE ALIMENTARY TRACT FOUNDATION,  
INC.

EIN: 31-1731986

500 CUMMINGS CENTER, STE 4550

BEVERLY, MA 01915

DIRECT CONTROLLING ENTITY: THE SOCIETY FOR SURGERY OF THE ALIMENTARY  
TRACT, INC.