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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 07-01-2015 , and ending 06-30-2016

B Check if applicable

☐ Address change

☐ Name change

☐ Initial return

☐ Final return/terminated

☐ Amended return

☐ Application pending

C Name of organization

American College of Surgeons

% GAY L VINCENT CFO

Doing business as

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

633 N Saint Clair Street

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

Chicago, IL 60611

F Name and address of principal officer

J David Richardson

633 N Saint Clair Street

Chicago,IL 60611

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates?

No

☐ Yes ☒ No

H(b) Are all subordinates included?

☐ Yes ☐ No

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

H(c) Group exemption number ▶

D Employer identification number

36-2192800

E Telephone number

(312) 202-5000

G Gross receipts \$ 185,585,317

I Tax-exempt status

☒ 501(c)(3) ☐ 501(c) () ◀(insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

J Website: ▶

www facs org

K Form of organization

☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ▶

L Year of formation 1912

M State of legal domicile IL

Part I Summary			
Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities The primary exempt purpose is to improve the quality of care of the surgical patient through education and research 2 Check this box ☐ 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	23
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	21
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2015 (Part V, line 2a)	5	414
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	100
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	1,215,242
	b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h) 9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g) 10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d) 11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e) 12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	Prior Year	Current Year
		20,003,029	19,755,949
		52,887,927	57,367,771
		35,843,667	12,674,461
		6,474,577	6,305,630
		115,209,200	96,103,811
Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3) 14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4) 15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10) 16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e) b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶988,007 17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e) 18 Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) 19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	1,758,842	2,157,294
		0	0
		45,155,447	49,865,516
		0	0
		39,178,019	40,568,012
		86,092,308	92,590,822
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16) 21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26) 22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
		591,583,630	558,170,390
		203,223,203	211,886,252
		388,360,427	346,284,138

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

2017-05-08

Date

GAY L VINCENT CFO

Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name

BRIDGET T ROCHE

Preparer's signature

BRIDGET T ROCHE

Date

Check ☐ if self-employed

PTIN P00666837

Firm's name

▶ GRANT THORNTON LLP

Firm's EIN ▶

Firm's address

▶ 171 N CLARK ST SUITE 200

CHICAGO, IL 60601

Phone no (312) 856-0200

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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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

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1

Briefly describe the organization’s mission

THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IS DEDICATED TO IMPROVING THE CARE OF THE SURGICAL PATIENT AND TO SAFEGUARDING STANDARDS OF CARE IN AN OPTIMAL AND ETHICAL PRACTICE ENVIRONMENT

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 0) (Expenses \$ 33,238,831 including grants of \$ 349,388) (Revenue \$ 44,093,495)

The mission of the ACS Division of Research and Optimal Patient Care (DROPC) is to improve the quality of surgical care by enabling all surgeons to apply the best scientific evidence available in all aspects of their daily practice with respect, compassion, and dignity for all patients. The DROPC promotes the practice of evidence-based surgery by developing new knowledge through basic and clinical research, the setting and verification of standards, development of best practices and guidelines, educational activities, and the collection and measurement of outcomes. The DROPC is comprised of three focus areas: 1 Cancer - The Commission on Cancer (COC) is a consortium of professional organizations dedicated to improving survival and quality of life for cancer patients through standard-setting, prevention, research, education, and the monitoring of comprehensive quality care. The COC accreditation program sets standards for quality, multidisciplinary cancer care delivered in more than 1,400 hospital settings in the United States and Puerto Rico. Other COC programs include the cancer physician liaison program, the national accreditation program for breast centers, and the national cancer database. 2 Trauma - The Committee on Trauma (COT) and the trauma programs staff oversee and support various didactic and experiential trauma courses, the national trauma registry, the national trauma data bank, the verification/consultation program for hospitals, the trauma system consultation program, and regional trauma organization of state/provincial activities. The COT is also active in pre-hospital trauma care, injury prevention and control, performance improvement and patient safety, rural trauma, disaster management, and outcomes studies. 3 Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) - The DROPC’s continuous Quality Improvement (QI) programs provide the infrastructure for several QI programs, as well as for conducting health services research, clinical research, laboratory research, meta-analyses, clinical trials, outcome studies, research hypothesis generation, and the development of evidence-based practice guidelines. The major QI programs within CQI include the ACS National Surgical Quality Improvement Program (ACS NSQIP) and the ACE Banatric Surgical Center Network (ACS BSCN).

4b

(Code 0) (Expenses \$ 13,300,429 including grants of \$ 41,250) (Revenue \$ 10,268,751)

Educational Programs - The college’s educational programs help meet the needs of surgeons, surgery residents, medical students and patients. The programs provide surgeons with opportunities for maintenance of certification, for lifelong learning, and for meeting the core competencies. In addition to providing continuing medical education activities, the division of education has developed patient educational materials relative to surgical care. Division efforts include staffing numerous education committees and the following programs. The ACS Clinical Congress is an annual educational conference for surgeons, including four days of lectures, panel sessions, postgraduate courses, presentations of scientific papers and research, video-based education sessions, and other educational activities. In October 2015, attendance at the clinical congress included over 10,000 physicians. The publication, Selected Readings in General Surgery (SRGS), provides a broad, topic-oriented analysis of the current surgical literature and is available in print, online and CD-ROM formats. SRGS reviews the entire specialty of surgery every two to three years for surgery residents and practicing surgeons, and has approximately 2,800 - 3,000 subscribers. The web-based program entitled Fundamentals of Laparoscopic Surgery (FLS) is a joint program of the American College of Surgeons and the Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES). FLS is a comprehensive education module designed to teach and assess proficiency in the domains of physiology, fundamental knowledge, and technical skills required for basic laparoscopic surgery. The program was distributed to over 1,500 surgery residents, fellows, and practicing surgeons during the past fiscal year.

4c

(Code 0) (Expenses \$ 6,227,243 including grants of \$ 1,721,605) (Revenue \$ 0)

The College has a Member Services division. Through Member Services, the College continues to remain a major professional association, with over 80,000 members. The diverse membership represents all surgical specialists and member surgeons are provided with programs and services that help them adapt to a changing health care environment. The Division evaluates all applications for Fellowship based upon defined fellowship requirements for practicing surgeons, as well as admits Associate Fellow, Resident, Medical Student and Affiliate members. The Division also staffs several committees including the International Relations Committee, Scholarships Committee, and 13 Surgical Specialty Advisory Councils. The Division supports the 270 Board of Governors who advise and council the Board of Regents, and supports the activities of 105 domestic and international chapters.

See Additional Data

4d

Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)

(Expenses \$ 13,311,152 including grants of \$ 45,051) (Revenue \$ 3,005,525)

4e

Total program service expenses ▶ 66,077,655

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A	1 Yes	
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)?	2 Yes	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	3	No
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	4 Yes	
5 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	5	No
6 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I	6	No
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II	7	No
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III	8	No
9 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV	9	No
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V	10 Yes	
11 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		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI	11a Yes	
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII	11b Yes	
c 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII	11c	No
d 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX	11d	No
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	11e Yes	
f 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)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	11f Yes	
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII	12a	No
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional	12b Yes	
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	13	No
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a	No
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV	14b Yes	
15 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV	15 Yes	
16 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV	16 Yes	
17 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)	17	No
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II	18	No
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III	19	No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H	20a	No
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	20b	

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules *(continued)*

21	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>	21	Yes	
22	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>	22	Yes	
23	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>	23	Yes	
24a	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? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</i>	24a		No
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b		
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d		
25a	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25a		No
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25b		No
26	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>	26		No
27	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>	27		No
28	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)			
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28a	Yes	
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28b		No
c	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28c		No
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	29		No
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	30		No
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>	31		No
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>	32		No
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>	33	Yes	
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i>	34	Yes	
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a	Yes	
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)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	35b	Yes	
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	36		No
37	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>	37		No
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	38	Yes	

Part V

Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

			Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable.	1a	396	
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable.	1b	0	
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c	Yes	
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return.	2a	414	
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions).	2b	Yes	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a	Yes	
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O.	3b	Yes	
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	4a	Yes	
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: <u>UK, CA</u> See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).			
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a		No
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b		No
c	If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	5c		
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?	6a		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b		
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).			
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	7a		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b		
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c		No
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year.	7d		
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e		No
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f		No
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g		
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	7h		
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	8		
9a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a		
b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b		
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter			
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12.	10a		
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities.	10b		
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter			
a	Gross income from members or shareholders.	11a		
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them).	11b		
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a		
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.	12b		
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.			
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.	13a		
b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans.	13b		
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand.	13c		
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a		No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O.	14b		

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure

For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 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 ☒

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
1a	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	23	
1b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent	21	
2	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	No
3	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	No
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4	No
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?	5	No
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?	6	No
7a	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	No
7b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?	7b	No
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following		
a	The governing body?	8a	Yes
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b	Yes
9	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	No

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

		Yes	No
10a	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	10a	No
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	
11a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	11a	Yes
b	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990		
12a	Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	12a	Yes
b	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b	Yes
c	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done	12c	Yes
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13	Yes
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	14	Yes
15	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?		
a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	15a	Yes
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization	15b	Yes
	If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions)		
16a	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	No
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 **IL**

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (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
►GAY L VINCENT CFO 633 N SAINT CLAIR STREET Chicago, IL 60611 (312) 202-5000

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

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, or 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

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1b	Sub-Total			
c	Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A			
d	Total (add lines 1b and 1c)	5,962,853	0	1,429,636

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 ► 81

		Yes	No
3	Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	3	No
4	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	Yes
5	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	No

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)	(B)	(C)
Name and business address	Description of services	Compensation
Quintiles Inc, PO Box 601070 CHARLOTTE, NC 28260	Technical Consulting	4,254,064
Freeman, PO Box 660613 DALLAS, TX 75266	Event Planning	2,019,858
Resilience Software Inc, 409-318 HOMER STREET SUITE 409 VANCOUVER, CANADA V6B2V2, 0 CA	SOFTWARE CONSULTING	1,227,681
CMGRP Inc, PO Box 7247-6593 PHILADELPHIA, PA 19170	Public Relations	941,083
Cambridge Associates LLC, PO Box 83232 CHICAGO, IL 60691	Invest Management	750,879

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 ► 42

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	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a	Federated campaigns	1a					
	b	Membership dues	1b	1,320,165				
	c	Fundraising events	1c					
	d	Related organizations	1d	17,594,470				
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e					
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	841,314				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$		2,898				
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f ▶		19,755,949				
Program Service Revenue			Business Code					
	2a	RESEARCH & OPTIMAL PATIENT CARE	611600	44,093,495	44,093,495			
	b	EDUCATION	611600	10,220,834	10,195,484	25,350		
	c	ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT SERVICES	561000	1,937,349	1,937,349			
	d	INTEGRATED COMMUNICATIONS	900099	1,068,176	1,068,176			
	e	ACS PUBLICATIONS	511190	47,917		47,917		
	f	All other program service revenue						
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f ▶		57,367,771				
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) ▶		5,494,770		-1,707	5,496,477	
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . ▶		0				
	5	Royalties ▶		1,144,819			1,144,819	
			(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
	6a	Gross rents	15,299,562					
	b	Less rental expenses	11,585,783					
	c	Rental income or (loss)	3,713,779	0				
	d	Net rental income or (loss) ▶		3,713,779		746,712	2,967,067	
			(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
	7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	85,075,414					
	b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	77,895,723					
	c	Gain or (loss)	7,179,691					
	d	Net gain or (loss) ▶		7,179,691			7,179,691	
	8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18	a					
	b	Less direct expenses	b					
	c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . ▶		0				
	9a	Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19	a					
	b	Less direct expenses	b					
	c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . . ▶		0				
	10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a					
	b	Less cost of goods sold	b					
	c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . ▶		0				
	Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code					
	11a	MURPHY AUDITORIUM	532000	479,287			479,287	
	b	COMMISSIONS	900099	349,631			349,631	
	c	20F CONFERENCE FACILITY	532000	342,967		342,967		
	d	All other revenue		275,147		54,003	221,144	
	e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d ▶		1,447,032				
	12	Total revenue. See Instructions ▶		96,103,811	57,294,504	1,215,242	17,838,116	

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
1	Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21	126,552	126,552		
2	Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22	1,819,492	1,819,492		
3	Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16	211,250	211,250		
4	Benefits paid to or for members	0			
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	4,750,265	3,297,530	1,384,740	67,995
6	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	0			
7	Other salaries and wages	32,345,695	22,177,036	9,721,754	446,905
8	Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	4,727,090	3,241,014	1,420,764	65,312
9	Other employee benefits	5,737,258	3,933,611	1,724,378	79,269
10	Payroll taxes	2,305,208	1,580,510	692,848	31,850
11	Fees for services (non-employees)				
a	Management	0			
b	Legal	316,976	187,100	129,646	230
c	Accounting	191,257		191,257	
d	Lobbying	26,375		26,375	
e	Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17	0			
f	Investment management fees	1,946,994		1,946,994	
g	Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)	8,329,120	8,063,131	229,777	36,212
12	Advertising and promotion	1,240,698	1,170,700	34,784	35,214
13	Office expenses	6,496,358	5,436,847	945,696	113,815
14	Information technology	6,616,457	5,228,935	1,384,440	3,082
15	Royalties	156,830	156,196	634	
16	Occupancy	1,978,582	488,728	1,489,854	
17	Travel	4,601,927	3,862,853	684,618	54,456
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials	0			
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings	5,242,598	4,818,517	370,414	53,667
20	Interest	334,214		334,214	
21	Payments to affiliates	0			
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	2,422,393		2,422,393	
23	Insurance	434,157	64,340	369,817	
24	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)				
a	DUES AND FEES	199,460	182,489	16,971	
b	MEDICAL SUPPLIES	15,423	15,423		
c	BAD DEBT	15,401	15,401		
d	INCOME TAX	2,792		2,792	
e	All other expenses				
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	92,590,822	66,077,655	25,525,160	988,007
26	Joint costs. 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)				

Part X

Balance Sheet

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

				(A)		(B)	
				Beginning of year		End of year	
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing		2,737,874	1	2,051,911	
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments		0	2	0	
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net		1,115,540	3	1,408,036	
	4	Accounts receivable, net		17,032,152	4	31,290,403	
	5	Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L		0	5	0	
	6	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 instructions). Complete Part II of Schedule L		0	6	0	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net		0	7	0	
	8	Inventories for sale or use		0	8	0	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		3,379,096	9	11,033,520	
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment—cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a	188,215,934			
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b	67,626,944	123,646,565	10c	120,588,990
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities		286,656,830	11	214,433,121	
	12	Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11		151,829,807	12	172,453,855	
	13	Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11		0	13	0	
	14	Intangible assets		0	14	0	
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		5,185,766	15	4,910,554	
16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)		591,583,630	16	558,170,390		
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses		30,735,366	17	46,396,020	
	18	Grants payable		0	18	0	
	19	Deferred revenue		22,655,969	19	23,069,076	
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities		25,307,000	20	24,707,000	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		0	21	0	
	22	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		0	22	0	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		98,065,980	23	92,265,980	
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		0	24	0	
	25	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		26,458,888	25	25,448,176	
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25		203,223,203	26	211,886,252	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ☒ and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.						
	27	Unrestricted net assets		354,724,035	27	315,201,598	
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets		27,223,793	28	24,494,252	
	29	Permanently restricted net assets		6,412,599	29	6,588,288	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ☐ and complete lines 30 through 34.						
	30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds			30		
	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund			31		
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds			32		
	33	Total net assets or fund balances		388,360,427	33	346,284,138	
	34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances		591,583,630	34	558,170,390	

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	96,103,811
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	92,590,822
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	3,512,989
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	388,360,427
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	-33,467,181
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	-12,122,097
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	346,284,138

Part XII **Financial Statements and Reporting**

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

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual ☐ Other _____ 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		No
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	Yes	
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	Yes	
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?		No
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		

Additional Data

Software ID:
Software Version:
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Name: American College of Surgeons

Form 990, Part III - 4 Program Service Accomplishments (See the Instructions)

(Code	) (Expenses \$	13,311,152	including grants of \$	45,051) (Revenue \$	3,005,525)
Advocacy, Health Policy, Communication, Other					

Form 990, Part VII - Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted 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			
Andrew L Warshaw President (Thru 9/30/2015)	1 0	X		X				0	0	0
J David Richardson President (BEG 10/4/2015)	38 0	X		X				101,000	0	0
Mark C Weissler Chair (Thru 9/30/2015)	2 0	X						0	0	0
Valene W Rusch Chair	1 0	X						0	0	0
Michael J Zinner Vice Chair	1 0	X						0	0	0
John LD Atkinson Director	1 0	X						0	0	0
Margaret Dunn Director	1 0	X						0	0	0
James C Denny III Director (BEG 10/4/2015)	1 0	X						0	0	0
Timothy J Eberlein Director (BEG 10/4/2015)	39 0	X						110,103	0	0
James K Elsey Director	1 0	X						0	0	0

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		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
Gerald M Fried Director	1 0	X						0	0	0
Henn R Ford Director	1 0	X						0	0	0
James W Gigantelli Director	1 0	X						0	0	0
BJ Hancock Director	1 0	X						0	0	0
Enrique Hernandez Director	1 0	X						0	0	0
Lenworth M Jacobs Jr Director	1 0	X						0	0	0
L Scott Levin Director	1 0	X						0	0	0
Mark A Malangoni Director	1 0	X						0	0	0
Raymond F Morgan Director (Thru 9/30/2015)	1 0	X						0	0	0
Leigh A Neumayer Director	1 0	X						0	0	0

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		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
Linda G Phillips Director (BEG 10/4/2015)	1 0 1 0	X						0	0	0
Marshall Z Schwartz Director	1 0 1 0	X						0	0	0
Anton N Sidawy Director (BEG 10/4/2015)	1 0 1 0	X						0	0	0
Howard M Snyder III Director	1 0 1 0	X						0	0	0
Beth H Sutton Director	1 0 1 0	X						0	0	0
Steven D Wexner Director	1 0 1 0	X						0	0	0
Julie A Freischlag Director (10/14 - 9/15)	1 0 1 0	X						0	0	0
Ronald V Maier FIRST VP (BEG 10/4/2015)	1 0 1 0			X				0	0	0
Walter J Pones Second VP (BEG 10/4/2015)	1 0 1 0			X				0	0	0
Edward E Cornwell III Secretary	1 0 1 0			X				0	0	0

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(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted 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			
William G Cioffi Jr Treasurer	1 0 2 0			X				0	0	0
David B Hoyt Executive Director	38 0 2 0			X				998,709	0	268,762
Gay Vincent Chief Financial Officer	38 0 2 0			X				407,211	0	202,788
Jay L Grosfeld First VP (Thru 9/30/2015)	1 0 1 0			X				0	0	0
Kenneth L Mattox Second VP (Thru 9/30/2015)	1 0 1 0			X				0	0	0
Ajit K Sachdeva Director of Education	40 0 0 0				X			597,568	0	261,129
Clifford Ko Director of Research	40 0 0 0				X			663,114	0	40,513
Lynn Kahn Director of Communications	40 0 0 0				X			282,415	0	116,580
Christian Shalgian Director of Advocacy & HP	40 0 0 0				X			283,639	0	49,891
Patricia L Turner Director of Member Services	40 0 0 0				X			490,842	0	87,104

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		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
Patrick Bailey Medical Director	40 0 0 0					X		510,410	0	55,030
Lewis Flint Editor of Selected Readings	40 0 0 0					X		431,283	0	84,605
Michelle McGovern Director of HR	40 0 0 0					X		373,736	0	50,723
Frank Opelka Medical Director	40 0 0 0					X		459,445	0	68,867
Howard Tanzman Director of IT	40 0 0 0					X		253,378	0	143,644

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

OMB No 1545-0047

2015

Open to Public Inspection

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
▶ Information about Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization American College of Surgeons	Employer identification number 36-2192800
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Part I

Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box)

1

☐

A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**

2

☐

A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).**(Attach Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ))

3

☐

A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**

4

☐

A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state _____

5

☐

An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II)

6

☐

A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**

7

☐

An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II)

8

☐

A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II)

9

☒

An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975 See**section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III)

10

☐

An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety See **section 509(a)(4).**

11

☐

An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2) See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box in lines 11a through 11d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e, 11f, and 11g

a

☐

Type I. A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**

b

☐

Type II. A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**

c

☐

Type III functionally integrated. A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**

d

☐

Type III non-functionally integrated. A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**

e

☐

Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization

f

Enter the number of supported organizations

g

Provide the following information about the supported organization(s)

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii)EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1- 9 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
Total						

Part II

Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(f)Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any unusual grants)						
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3						
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						

Section B. Total Support						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(f)Total
7 Amounts from line 4						
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (see instructions)					12	
13 First five years.If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						☐

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage		
14 Public support percentage for 2015 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	
15 Public support percentage for 2014 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	
16a 33 1/3% support test—2015.If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		☐
b 33 1/3% support test—2014.If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		☐
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2015.If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		☐
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2014.If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		☐
18 Private foundation.If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions		☐

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(f)Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	19,553,833	19,515,073	19,980,083	20,003,029	19,755,949	98,807,967
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose	38,922,255	45,151,403	49,950,097	52,822,294	57,294,504	244,140,553
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						0
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						0
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						0
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5	58,476,088	64,666,476	69,930,180	72,825,323	77,050,453	342,948,520
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons	15,854,733	17,413,300	16,573,117	17,031,177	16,671,776	83,544,103
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year			615,425	555,910	922,694	2,094,029
c Add lines 7a and 7b	15,854,733	17,413,300	17,188,542	17,587,087	17,594,470	85,638,132
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						257,310,388

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(f)Total
9 Amounts from line 6	58,476,088	64,666,476	69,930,180	72,825,323	77,050,453	342,948,520
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	14,439,939	14,360,808	15,326,012	13,623,868	15,019,276	72,769,903
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						0
c Add lines 10a and 10b	14,439,939	14,360,808	15,326,012	13,623,868	15,019,276	72,769,903
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						0
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)	1,728,901	603,134	1,035,875	989,645	1,050,062	5,407,617
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)	74,644,928	79,630,418	86,292,067	87,438,836	93,119,791	421,126,040
14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ☐						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2015 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	61 101 %
16 Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	60 365 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2015 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	17 280 %
18 Investment income percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	17 820 %

- 19a 33 1/3% support tests—2015.** If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☒
- b 33 1/3% support tests—2014.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☐
- 20 Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ☐

Part IV Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box on line 11 of Part I. If you checked 11a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 11b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 11c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 11d of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.	1	
2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).	2	
3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below.	3a	
b Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.	3b	
c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.	3c	
4a Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? If "Yes" and if you checked 11a or 11b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.	4a	
b Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? If "Yes," describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.	4b	
c Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.	4c	
5a Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI, including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed, (ii) the reasons for each such action, (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action, and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).	5a	
b Type I or Type II only. Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?	5b	
c Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?	5c	
6 Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (a) its supported organizations, (b) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (c) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .	6	
7 Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in IRC 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35-percent controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).	7	
8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? If "Yes," complete Part II of Schedule L (Form 990).	8	
9a Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .	9a	
b Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9(a)) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .	9b	
c Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9(a)) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .	9c	
10a Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of IRC 4943 because of IRC 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? If "Yes," answer b below.	10a	
b Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)	10b	
11 Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
a A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (b) and (c) below, the governing body of a supported organization?	11a	
b A family member of a person described in (a) above?	11b	
c A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (a) or (b) above? If "Yes" to a, b, or c, provide detail in Part VI.	11c	

Part IV

Supporting Organizations (continued)

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Did the directors, trustees, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's directors or trustees at all times during the tax year? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove directors or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.</i>		
2 Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised or controlled the supporting organization.</i>		

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s).</i>		

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (1) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (2) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (3) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?		
2 Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? <i>If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).</i>		
3 By reason of the relationship described in (2), did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.</i>		

Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations

1 Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions)			
a	☐ The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.		
b	☐ The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.		
c	☐ The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a government entity (see instructions).		
2 Activities Test. Answer (a) and (b) below.			
a	Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? <i>If "Yes," then in Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.</i>		
b	Did the activities described in (a) constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.</i>		
3 Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer (a) and (b) below.			
a	Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? <i>Provide details in Part VI.</i>		
b	Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs and activities of each of its supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.</i>		

Part V

Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations

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Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov 20, 1970 **See instructions.** All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E

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Section A - Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Net short-term capital gain	1	
2	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2	
3	Other gross income (see instructions)	3	
4	Add lines 1 through 3	4	
5	Depreciation and depletion	5	
6	Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6	
7	Other expenses (see instructions)	7	
8	Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6 and 7 from line 4)	8	

Section B - Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year)	1	
a	Average monthly value of securities	1a	
b	Average monthly cash balances	1b	
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e	Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI) _____		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt use assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5	
6	Multiply line 5 by .035	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8	Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6)	8	

Section C - Distributable Amount		Current Year	
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	1	
2	Enter 85% of line 1	2	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	3	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3	4	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6	Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions)	6	
7	Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally-integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions) ☐		

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations (continued)

Section D - Distributions	Current Year
1 Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)	
6 Other distributions (describe in Part VI) See instructions	
7 Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6	
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI) See instructions	
9 Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6	
10 Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2015	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2015
1 Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2015 (reasonable cause required--see instructions)			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2015			
a			
b			
c			
d From 2013.			
e From 2014.			
f Total of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2015 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2010 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f			
4 Distributions for 2015 from Section D, line 7 \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2015 distributable amount			
c Remainder Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2015, if any Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions)			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2015 Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions)			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2016. Add lines 3j and 4c			
8 Breakdown of line 7			
a			
b			
c Excess from 2013.			
d From 2014.			
e From 2015.			

Part VI **Supplemental Information.**

Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; Part III, line 12; Part IV, Section A, lines 1, 2, 3b, 3c, 4b, 4c, 5a, 6, 9a, 9b, 9c, 11a, 11b, and 11c; Part IV, Section B, lines 1 and 2; Part IV, Section C, line 1; Part IV, Section D, lines 2 and 3; Part IV, Section E, lines 1c, 2a, 2b, 3a and 3b; Part V, line 1; Part V, Section B, line 1e; Part V Section D, lines 5, 6, and 8; and Part V, Section E, lines 2, 5, and 6. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

Facts And Circumstances Test

Return Reference

Explanation

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.

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Open to Public 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 the organization American College of Surgeons	Employer identification number 36-2192800
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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-
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				

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												
1a	Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)														
b	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)														
c	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)														
d	Other exempt purpose expenditures														
e	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)														
f	Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table in both columns														
<table><tr><th>If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th><th>The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th></tr><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></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														
g	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)														
h	Subtract line 1g from line 1a If zero or less, enter -0-														
i	Subtract line 1f from line 1c If zero or less, enter -0-														
j	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
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount					
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					
c Total lobbying expenditures					
d Grassroots nontaxable amount					
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

Part II-B

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

	(a)	(b)
	Yes	No Amount
1 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		
a Volunteers?	Yes	
b Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?	Yes	
c Media advertisements?		No
d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?	Yes	20,000
e Publications, or published or broadcast statements?		No
f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?		No
g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?	Yes	6,375
h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?		No
i Other activities?		No
j Total Add lines 1c through 1i		26,375
2a Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?		No
b If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912		
c If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912		
d 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?	1	
2 Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?	2	
3 Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?	3	

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	
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	
b Carryover from last year	2b	
c Total	2c	
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	
5 Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	5	

Part IV

Supplemental Information

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.

Return Reference	Explanation
DESCRIPTION OF LOBBYING FOR NON ELECTING PUBLIC CHARITIES	SCHEDULE C, PART II-B PAID STAFF OR MANAGEMENT LINE 1B The American College of Surgeons has a staff in Washington, D C which, as a part of their duties for the College, establishes contacts and maintains liaisons with members of Congress and their staff, government agencies, and other health regulated organizations in order to exchange information pertinent to surgery To do this they (1) Communicate College views on legislation and regulations to staffs and members of Congress through personal visits, telephone conversations, and letters (2) Organize and participate in coalitions of organizations with related legislative interest (3) Arrange and facilitate meetings for College officials and members with elected legislators and staff (4) Arrange for College officials to present testimony at Congressional hearings and draft and produce testimony and official written responses to legislative proposals
MAILING TO MEMBERS, LEGISLATORS, OR THE PUBLIC	Line 1d The college communicates views on legislation and regulations to staffs and members of Congress through letters
DIRECT CONTACT WITH LEGISLATORS, THEIR STAFFS, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, OR	A Legislative Body Line 1g As discussed in Line 1b above, the Washington staff maintains liaisons with members of Congress, their staff, and government agencies to exchange information pertinent to surgery The major issues under discussion related to Medicare Fee Schedule, Funding for Trauma System Development, Heath Care Quality, and Medical Liability Reform

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.
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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? ☐ Yes ☐ 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? ☐ Yes ☐ 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)

☐ Preservation of land for public use (e g , recreation or education)
☐ Protection of natural habitat
☐ Preservation of open space

☐ Preservation of an historically important land area
☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure

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

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
► \$

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	Beginning balance
1d	Additions during the year
1e	Distributions during the year
1f	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 in Part XIII

☐

Part V

Endowment Funds.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a)Current year	(b)Prior year	b (c)Two years back	(d)Three years back	(e)Four years back
1a	Beginning of year balance	219,900,240	231,379,060	205,200,808	186,839,017
b	Contributions	195,049	44,875	375,942	105,454
c	Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	-10,838,836	-2,510,900	35,726,522	27,202,020
d	Grants or scholarships	1,670,832	1,405,361	1,535,935	1,341,635
e	Other expenditures for facilities and programs	7,658,707	7,607,434	8,388,277	7,604,048
f	Administrative expenses	0	0	0	0
g	End of year balance	199,926,914	219,900,240	231,379,060	205,200,808

2

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

a

Board designated or quasi-endowment

92 420 %

b

Permanent endowment

3 300 %

c

Temporarily restricted endowment

4 280 %

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

3a(i)

3a(ii)

3b

Yes

No

No

No

b

If "Yes" on 3a(ii), 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" to 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)	Accumulated (c)depreciation	(d)Book value
1a Land		40,905,745		40,905,745
b Buildings		127,427,137	52,762,022	74,665,115
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		18,864,331	14,864,922	3,999,409
e Other		1,018,721	0	1,018,721
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c))				120,588,990

Schedule D (Form 990) 2015

Part I

Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return

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

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

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.

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

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.

Return Reference	Explanation
ENDOWMENT FUNDS AND AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS	Schedule D, Part V The FY2016 audit note #11 categorized \$8,583,003 as investment losses, when in fact it represents the 5% annual spending amount that was transferred into operating and spent to support the ACS mission, and therefore was moved to Line e other expenditures. INTENDED USES OF ENDOWMENT FUNDS Schedule D, Part V, Line 4 The endowment funds are intended to provide and ensure that education, research, scholarships, building facilities and the college as a whole have enough funding to last during hard economic times, while providing the operations of the college an annual 5% spending rate.

Part XIII **Supplemental Information** *(continued)*

Return Reference	Explanation

Additional Data

Software ID:
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Form 990, Schedule D, Part VII - Investments Other Securities

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
(3) Other		
(A) U S LARGE CAP EQUITY	13,398,559	F
(B) INTERNATIONAL EQUITY	10,122,772	F
(C) EMERGING MARKETS EQUITY	6,861,611	F
(D) ENERGY EQUITY	11,616,470	F
(E) GLOBAL REIT	8,294,840	F
(F) ALT INV - PRIVATE	18,552,219	F
(G) ALT INV - ABSOLUTE RETURN	44,307,070	F
(H) ALT INV - LONG SHORT	35,135,976	F
(I) ALT INV - COMMODITIES	8,738,292	F
(J) ALT INV - MLP	15,426,046	F

SCHEDULE F
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Statement of Activities Outside the United States

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990,
Part IV, line 14b, 15, or 16.
▶ Attach to Form 990.
▶ Information about Schedule F (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Part I

General Information on Activities Outside the United States.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to 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

Activites 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
(1) See Add'l Data					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
3a Sub-total					56,687,328
b Total from continuation sheets to Part I					
c Totals (add lines 3a and 3b)					56,687,328

Part II

Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations or Entities Outside the United States.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 15, for any recipient who received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

1	(a) Name of organization	(b) IRS code section and EIN (if applicable)	(c) Region	(d) Purpose of grant	(e) Amount of cash grant	(f) Manner of cash disbursement	(g) Amount of non-cash assistance	(h) Description of non-cash assistance	(i) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
(1)									
(2)									
(3)									
(4)									

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 ▶ _____

Part III **Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals Outside the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 16.
Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Region	(c) Number of recipients	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Manner of cash disbursement	(f) Amount of non-cash assistance	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
(1) Carlos Pellegrini Traveling Fellowship	East Asia and the Pacific	1	10,000	Wire			
(2) International Guest Scholar	East Asia and the Pacific	1	10,000	Wire			
(3) International ACS NSQIP Scholarship	East Asia and the Pacific	1	10,000	Wire			
(4) Excellence in Research Award	Europe (Including Iceland and Greenland)	2	1,500	Check			
(5) International Guest Scholar	Europe (Including Iceland and Greenland)	5	50,000	Wire			
(6) International Surgical Education	Middle East and North Africa	1	10,000	Wire			
(7) Faculty Research Fellowship	North America	1	40,000	Check			
(8) Oweida Scholar	North America	1	5,000	Check			
(9) International Guest Scholar	South America	2	20,000	Wire			
(10) Excellence in Research Award	South Asia	1	750	Wire			
(11) International Guest Scholar	South Asia	1	10,000	Wire			
(12) International Guest Scholar	Sub-Saharan Africa	3	30,000	Check & Wire			
(13) Community Surgeon Travel Award	Sub-Saharan Africa	1	4,000	Wire			
(14) International Surgical Education	Sub-Saharan Africa	1	10,000	Wire			
(15)							
(16)							
(17)							
(18)							

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 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 file Form 5713, International Boycott Report (see Instructions for Form 5713, do not file with Form 990)*

☐ Yes ☒ No

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 (see instructions).

990 Schedule F, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
PROCEDURE FOR MONITORING USE OF GRANT FUNDS OUTSIDE U S	SCHEDULE F, PART I, LINE 2 The American College of Surgeons offers various awards and scholarships each year. Each award has a requirements brochure and samples can be found on HTTP://www.facs.org/memberservices/research.html. The College has a selection committee who is responsible for deciding who receives these awards. Awardees provide a budget for larger awards, and are required to submit annual and final narrative and financial reports. Smaller awards require a narrative and simple financial report upon completion of the project. The member services division employs an international liaison and scholarships administrator to monitor and oversee this program.

990 Schedule F, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FOREIGN FORMS	Schedule F, Part IV American College of Surgeons invests in domestic and foreign limited partnerships and other corporations that may own interest in a foreign corporation, passive foreign investment company, or foreign partnership Nevertheless, ACSs investment activities may not reach the thresholds required for filing Forms 926, 5471, 8621, or 8865 To the extent such a form was completed, it has been filed with the Organizations Form 990-T

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Form 990 Schedule F Part I - Activities Outside The United States

(a) Region	(b) Number of offices in the region	(c) Number of employees or agents in region	(d) Activities conducted in region (by type) (i.e., fundraising, program services, 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 region
Europe (Including Iceland and Greenland)			Investments		55,729,886
North America			Investments		746,192
North America			Grantmaking		45,000

Form 990 Schedule F Part I - Activities Outside The United States

(a) Region	(b) Number of offices in the region	(c) Number of employees or agents in region	(d) Activities conducted in region (by type) (i.e., fundraising, program services, 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 region
Europe (Including Iceland and Greenland)			Grantmaking		51,500
South America			Grantmaking		20,000
East Asia and the Pacific			Grantmaking		30,000

Form 990 Schedule F Part I - Activities Outside The United States

(a) Region	(b) Number of offices in the region	(c) Number of employees or agents in region	(d) Activities conducted in region (by type) (i.e., fundraising, program services, 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 region
South Asia			Grantmaking		10,750
Sub-Saharan Africa			Grantmaking		44,000
Middle East and North Africa			Grantmaking		10,000

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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
See Additional Data Table					

Part IV

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

Return Reference	Explanation
PROCEDURE FOR MONITORING USE OF GRANT FUNDS INSIDE U S	Schedule I, Part I, Line 2 The American College of Surgeons offers various awards and scholarships each year Each award has a requirements brochure and samples can be found on http://www.facs.org/memberservices/research.html The College has a selection committee who is responsible for deciding who receives these awards Awardees provide a budget for larger awards, and are required to submit annual and final narrative and financial reports Smaller awards require a narrative and simple financial report upon completion of the project The member services division employs an international liaison and scholarships administrator to monitor and oversee this program

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Form 990,Schedule I, Part II, Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments.

(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
Southwestern Surgical Congress 14005 Nicklaus Dr Overland Park, KS 66223	73-0588502	501(c)(3)	10,000				General Support International Guest Scholarships to competent young surgeons from countries other than the United States or Canada who have demonstrated strong interests in teaching and research The scholarships, in the amount of \$8,000 each, provide the Scholars with an opportunity to visit clinical, teaching, and research activities in North America and to attend and participate fully in the educational opportunities and activities of the Amercan College of Surgeons Clinical Congress
Society for Vascular Surgery (SVS) Fdn 35312 Eagle Way Chicago,IL 60678	04-3580038	501(c)(3)	100,000				General Support scholarships to subsidize attendance and participation in the Executive Leadership Program in Health Policy and Management at Brandeis University The awards are to be used toward the cost of tuition, travel, housing, and subsistence during the period of the course
University of Chicago 5801 South Ellis Avenue Chicago,IL 60637	36-2177139	501(c)(3)	10,000				General Support to acquire new skills and training in the non-biological sciences important to medical care systems The program offers 2 years graduate-level study and research as part of a university-based, post-residency training program-in priority areas designated by participating institutions

Form 990, Schedule I, Part III, Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Individuals.

(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
A N Z Fellowship	1	10,000			

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Germany Fellowship	1	10,000			

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Japan Traveling Fellowship	1	10,000			

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Clowes Award	3	176,250			

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ACS / Triological Society Award	5	200,000			

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Excellence in Research Award	14	10,500			

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Faculty Research Fellowship	8	330,000			

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Resident Reseach Scholarship	12	317,150			

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Community Surgeon Travel Award	1	4,000			

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International ACS NSQIP Scholarship	1	10,000			

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Health Policy Scholar	17	74,400			

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Claude Organ Travelling Fellowship	1	5,000			

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RAS-ACS Essay Contest	1	500			

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ACS Resident Award for Exemplary Teaching	1	1,500			

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Chassin Award for Professionalism in Gen Surgery	1	1,500			

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Clinical Scholar-in-Residence	3	533,719			

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Jacobson Promising Investigator Award	1	30,000			

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ACS-Emerson Clinical Scholar	1	123,159			

Schedule J
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Compensation Information

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees
▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.
▶ Attach to Form 990.
▶ Information about Schedule J (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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36-2192800

Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

	Yes	No
1a Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items. ☐ First-class or charter travel ☐ Housing allowance or residence for personal use ☒ Travel for companions ☐ Payments for business use of personal residence ☐ Tax indemnification and gross-up payments ☐ Health or social club dues or initiation fees ☐ Discretionary spending account ☐ Personal services (e g , maid, chauffeur, chef)		
b If any of the boxes in line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain	1b Yes	
2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?	2 Yes	
3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III. ☒ Compensation committee ☐ Written employment contract ☐ Independent compensation consultant ☒ Compensation survey or study ☒ Form 990 of other organizations ☒ Approval by the board or compensation committee		
4 During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a with respect to the filing organization or a related organization: a Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?	4a	No
b Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?	4b	No
c Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement? If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.	4c	No
Only 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.		
5 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of: a The organization?	5a	No
b Any related organization? If "Yes," on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.	5b	No
6 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of: a The organization?	6a	No
b Any related organization? If "Yes," on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.	6b	No
7 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III.	7 Yes	
8 Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III.	8	No
9 If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?	9	

Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees. Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported on Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions, on row (ii). Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII.

Note. The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, applicable column (D) and (E) amounts for that individual.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column(B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
	(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
See Additional Data Table							

Part III Supplemental Information

Provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
TRAVEL FOR COMPANIONS	Schedule J, Part I, Line 1a Per IRS regulations, travel for companions is a taxable benefit. Therefore, if the executive director or CFO approves as an exception reimbursement of these expenses, it will be included as taxable compensation to the employee. In 2016, there were no recipients of companion travel.
Non-fixed Payments	Schedule J, Part I, Line 7 The board approved bonus payments to the following individuals: Clifford Ko and Michelle McGovern that were non-fixed payments. These payments were not part of the individuals' initial compensation contracts with American College of Surgeons. The bonus payments represent achievement of performance objectives that were not contingent on ACS's financial performance. The payments are included on the individuals' IRS Form W-2.

Additional Data

Software ID:

Software Version:

EIN: 36-2192800

Name: American College of Surgeons

Form 990, Schedule J, Part II - Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

(A) Name and Title		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
		(i) Base Compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
1David B Hoyt Executive Director	(i)	998,390	319	0	254,620	14,142	1,267,471	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	-0	-0	0
1Gay Vincent Chief Financial Officer	(i)	406,493	718	0	182,322	20,466	609,999	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	-0	-0	0
2Ajit K. Sachdeva Director of Education	(i)	596,919	649	0	246,987	14,142	858,697	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	-0	-0	0
3Clifford Ko Director of Research	(i)	637,807	25,307	0	40,513	0	703,627	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	-0	-0	0
4Lynn Kahn Director of Communications	(i)	282,202	213	0	102,965	13,615	398,995	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	-0	-0	0
5Chnstian Shalgian Director of Advocacy & HP	(i)	282,937	702	0	29,425	20,466	333,530	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	-0	-0	0
6Patricia L Turner Director of Member Services	(i)	490,629	213	0	86,009	1,095	577,946	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	-0	-0	0
7Patrick Bailey Medical Director	(i)	510,205	205	0	34,564	20,466	565,440	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	-0	-0	0
8Lewis Flint Editor of Selected Readings	(i)	430,976	307	0	64,139	20,466	515,888	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	-0	-0	0
9Michelle McGovern Director of HR	(i)	323,527	50,209	0	37,108	13,615	424,459	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	-0	-0	0
10Frank Opelka Medical Director	(i)	459,222	223	0	54,725	14,142	528,312	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	-0	-0	0
11Howard Tanzman Director of IT	(i)	252,753	625	0	124,881	18,763	397,022	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	-0	-0	0

Schedule L
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Transactions with Interested Persons
▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 25a, 25b, 26, 27, 28a, 28b, or 28c, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a or 40b.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
▶ Information about Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Part I Excess Benefit Transactions (section 501(c)(3), section 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations only)
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a or 25b, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 40b

1	(a) Name of disqualified person	(b) Relationship between disqualified person and organization	(c) Description of transaction	(d) Corrected?	
				Yes	No

2 Enter the amount of tax incurred by organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under section 4958 ▶ \$ _____

3 Enter the amount of tax, if any, on line 2, above, reimbursed by the organization ▶ \$ _____

Part II Loans to and/or From Interested Persons.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a, or Form 990, Part IV, line 26, or if the organization reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 5, 6, or 22

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship with organization	(c) Purpose of loan	(d) Loan to or from the organization?		(e) Original principal amount	(f) Balance due	(g) In default?		(h) Approved by board or committee?		(i) Written agreement?	
			To	From			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Total ▶ \$ _____												

Part III Grants or Assistance Benefiting Interested Persons.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 27.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of assistance	(d) Type of assistance	(e) Purpose of assistance

Part IV Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 28a, 28b, or 28c.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of transaction	(d) Description of transaction	(e) Sharing of organization's revenues?	
				Yes	No
(1) J David Richardson	BOARD MEMBER	101,000	INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR		No
(2) Timothy J Eberlein	BOARD MEMBER	110,000	INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR		No

Part V Supplemental Information

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

Return Reference	Explanation
Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons	Part IV, Line 1 J David Richardson and Timothy J Eberlein, board members of American College of Surgeons, provided independent contractor services to the organization. The independent contractor services with the board members were conducted at arms length and fair market value.

**SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or
990-EZ)**Department of the
Treasury
Internal Revenue
Service**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
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**Return
Reference****Explanation**Other
Program
Services

Form 990, Part III, Line 4d The College has a Member Services division Through Member Services, the College continues to remain a major professional association, with over 80,000 members The diverse membership represents all surgical specialists and member surgeons are provided with programs and services that help them adapt to a changing health care environment The Division evaluates all applications for Fellowship based upon defined fellowship requirements for practicing surgeons, as well as admits Associate Fellow, Resident, Medical Student and Affiliate members The Division also staffs several committees including the International Relations Committee, Scholarships Committee, and 13 Surgical Specialty Advisory Councils The Division supports the 270 Board of Governors who advise and council the Board of Regents, and supports the activities of 105 domestic and international chapters Expenses \$13,420,288 Grants \$ 45,052 Revenue \$ 3,005,525 Material Differences in voting Rights Form 990, Part VI, Line 1a According to Article V, Section 2, subparagraph (a) of the Bylaws, it states, "During the intervals between meetings of the Board of Regents, the Executive Committee shall exercise the powers of the Board of Regents in the management and direction of the business and the conduct of the affairs of the college, except that it shall not have power to elect fellows, amend the bylaws, or regulate fees, dues, or assessments It shall keep a record of its proceedings and shall, after each meeting, report the same to the regents for approval at the next succeeding meeting of the Board of Regents "

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990 Review Process	Form 990, Part VI, Line 11b After the 990 forms were completed by the ACS Accounting Department and reviewed by outside tax professionals, copies of the 990 forms were sent to the ACS Finance Committee for review (ACS Board of Regents delegated this responsibility to the ACS Finance Committee) The ACS Finance Committee was given ample time to review the documents and address any concerns to the Chief Financial Officer Once the ACS Finance Committee's concerns were addressed, the ACS Accounting department revised the 990 forms (if necessary), emailed a copy to the full Board of Regents, and filed them with the IRS

Return Reference	Explanation
Conflict of Interest Policy Monitoring & Enforcement	Form 990, Part VI, Line 12c The College has conflicts of interest policies for employees, consultants and board members All employees, consultants and board members are required to sign a disclosure statement each year, which are collected and disseminated by the Chief Financial Officer's office There is also an ACS Conflicts of Interest Committee that meets periodically as the need arises to discuss issues that relate to conflicts of interest The committee accounts for the receipt of disclosure statements and follows up on any issues This information is then reported to the ACS Finance Committee of the Board of Regents If the ACS Finance Committee feels there are conflicts that are questionable in nature, they are reported to the ACS Board of Regents Chair and Treasurer for action The Board of Regents Executive Committee shall take action on any presumed or potential violation of this policy by a member of leadership to ensure that a conflict of interest does not arise or does not continue In addition to any legal penalties, such action may include, but shall not be limited to, oral admonishment, written reprimand, resignation, and restitution A member who disagrees with the findings or recommendations of the Finance Committee or the action of the Board of Regents Executive Committee may appeal the decision to the Board of Regents

Return Reference	Explanation
Process for Determining Compensation	Form 990, Part VI, Lines 15a and 15b The College has policies and procedures concerning compensation increases, performance evaluations, and job evaluations. In addition, merit increases are included as a budget parameter for review by the finance committee as is the addition of any new employee or human resource benefit proposal. The College has an executive compensation committee as a subcommittee to the finance committee. The committee is comprised of the Board of Regents Chair, Board of Regents Treasurer, Board of Governors Secretary, and a member of the finance committee. The executive compensation committee's purpose is as follows: to establish procedures to create a "rebuttable presumption of reasonableness" in connection with IRS intermediate sanctions regulations. Responsibilities are to ensure that compensation for each "disqualified person" is reasonable. Human Resources provides comparability data to the committee in the form of surveys, other similar organizations, geographical comparisons, and actual written offers from similar institutions for the services of a disqualified person. The committee documents the basis for all compensation determinations. Human Resources provides comparability data to the committee in the form of surveys, other similar organizations, geographical comparisons, and actual written offers from similar institutions for the services of a disqualified person. The committee documents the basis for all compensation determinations.

Return Reference	Explanation
Documents Made Available to Public	Form 990, Part VI, Line 19 The Bylaws are available on our website

Return Reference	Explanation
Other Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances	Form 990, Part XI, Line 9 Pension Adjustment -12,574,659 Change in Funds Held for Others 800,313 Book/Tax Difference of Investment in P-ship -347,751 ----- Total -12,122,097 =====

SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

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▶ 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.

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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
(1) Surgeons Asset Management 633 N Saint Clair Street Chicago, IL 60611 20-3761195	Invst Advisor	IL			ACS
(2) ACS East Ontario LLC 633 N Saint Clair Street Chicago, IL 60611 36-2192800	Re Investment	IL	-127,448	2,723,674	ACS

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
(1) American College of Surgeons Prof Assoc 633 N Saint Clair Street Chicago, IL 60611 30-0079883	Ed in Surgery	IL	501(c)(6)		ACS	Yes	
(2) ACSPA Surgeons PAC 633 N Saint Clair Street Chicago, IL 60611 14-1849039	Political Act	IL	527		ACSPA	Yes	
(3) American College of Surgeons Foundation 633 N Saint Clair Street Chicago, IL 60611 30-0305504	Granting	IL	501(c)((3)	7	ACS	Yes	

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.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income(related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512- 514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations?		(i) Code V-UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
							Yes	No		Yes	No	

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.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end- of-year assets	(h) Percentage ownership	(i) Section 512 (b)(13) controlled entity?	
								Yes	No

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)
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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)

Yes

No

1a

No

1b

No

1c

Yes

1d

No

1e

No

1f

No

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No

1h

No

1i

No

1j

No

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No

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No

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Yes

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No

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Yes

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No

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Yes

1r

No

1s

No

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)American College of Surgeons Prof Assoc	c	16,671,776	Cost
(2)American College of Surgeons Foundation	C	922,694	Cost
(3)American College of Surgeons Prof Assoc	M	1,659,712	Cost
(4)American College of Surgeons Prof Assoc	O	469,085	Cost
(5)American College of Surgeons Foundation	o	681,843	Cost
(6)American College of Surgeons Prof Assoc	Q	580,594	Cost

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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.

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Part VII **Supplemental Information**

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

Return Reference	Explanation
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Additional Data

Software ID:
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Form 990, Schedule R, Part V - Transactions With Related Organizations

(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type(a-s)	(c) Amount Involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1) American College of Surgeons Prof Assoc	c	16,671,776	Cost
(1) American College of Surgeons Foundation	C	922,694	Cost
(2) American College of Surgeons Prof Assoc	M	1,659,712	Cost
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