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**LOBBYING REPORT**

Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Section 5) - All Filers Are Required To Complete This Page

1. Registrant Name The Advocacy Group			
2. Address <input type="checkbox"/> Check if different than previously reported 1350 I Street, N.W. Suite 680 Washington, D.C. 20005			
3. Principal Place of Business (if different from line 2) City: Same State/Zip (or Country)			
4. Contact Name George A. Ramonas		Telephone 202-393-4841	E-mail (optional)
7. Client Name <input type="checkbox"/> Self US Surgical Corporation			5. Senate ID #  6. House ID # 30018022

TYPE OF REPORT 8. Year 2000 Midyear (January 1-June 30)  OR Year End (July 1-December 31)

9. Check if this filing amends a previously filed version of this report

10. Check if this is a Termination Report  Termination Date 12/10/00

11. No Lobbying Activity

INCOME OR EXPENSES - Complete Either Line 12 OR Line 13	
<p>12. Lobbying Firms</p> <p>INCOME relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:</p> <p>Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$10,000 or more <input type="checkbox"/> ⇒ \$ 10,000.00 Income (nearest \$20,000)</p> <p>Provide a good faith estimate, rounded to the nearest \$20,000, of all lobbying related income from the client (including all payments to the registrant by any other entity for lobbying activities on behalf of the client).</p>	<p>13. Organizations</p> <p>EXPENSES relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were:</p> <p>Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$10,000 or more <input type="checkbox"/> ⇒ \$ _____ Expenses (nearest \$20,000)</p> <p>14. REPORTING METHOD. Check box to indicate expense accounting method. See instructions for description of options.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method A. Reporting amounts using LDA definitions only</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method B. Reporting amounts under section 6033(b)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method C. Reporting amounts under section 162(e) of the Internal Revenue Code</p>

Signature *Caroline de Munnick*

Printed Name and Title Caroline de Munnick for G. Ramonas

Registrant Name The Advocacy Group Client Name US Surgical Corporation

**LOBBYING ACTIVITY.** Select as many codes as necessary to reflect the general issue areas in which the registrant engaged in lobbying on behalf of the client during the reporting period. Using a separate page for each code, provide information as requested. Attach additional page(s) as needed.

15. General issue area code HCR (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

FDA regulation regarding the re-use of single use devices  
Agriculture Appropriations bill  
HR 3148 Reprocessed Sing Use Medical Device Patient Safety  
Amendments

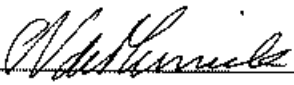
17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted  Check if None

US House of Representatives  
US Senate

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)	N
Robert J. Dotchin		<input type="checkbox"/>
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19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above  Check if None

Signature  Date 2/14/01  
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15. General issue area code NNM (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

HR 4395 Medicare Access to Technology Act  
HR 4680 Medicare Rx2000 Act  
HCFA's reimbursement and coverage policies for medicare programs  
HR 2356 Medical Patient Appeals of 1999  
PL 106-554/Consolidated Appropriations bill/Benefits Improvement and Protection Act of 2000 (BIPA)

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted  Check if None

US House of Representatives  
US Senate  
Health Care Finance Agency

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)	No
<u>Robert J. Dotchin</u>		<input type="checkbox"/>
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Signature *Caroline de Munnick* Date 2/16/01

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15. General issue area code TAX (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

No specific issues for this period

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted  Check if None

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area

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Robert J. Dotchin		<input type="checkbox"/>
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Signature *C. de Munnick* Date 2/16/01

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