

**Form 5500-SF**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor  
Employee Benefits Security Administration  
Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

**Short Form Annual Return/Report of Small Employee Benefit Plan**

This form is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500-SF.**

OMB Nos. 1210-0110  
1210-0089

**2022**

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**Part I Annual Report Identification Information**

For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/11/2023

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**Part II Basic Plan Information**—enter all requested information

<b>1a</b> Name of plan NORTHWEST SURGICAL SPECIALISTS, LLP CASH BALANCE PLAN		<b>1b</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	002
		<b>1c</b> Effective date of plan	01/01/2014
<b>2a</b> Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) NORTHWEST SURGICAL SPECIALISTS, LLP  3355 RIVERBEND DR., SUITE 300 SPRINGFIELD, OR 97477		<b>2b</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)	93-1192191
		<b>2c</b> Sponsor's telephone number	541-687-1336
		<b>2d</b> Business code (see instructions)	621111
<b>3a</b> Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor.		<b>3b</b> Administrator's EIN	
		<b>3c</b> Administrator's telephone number	
<b>4</b> If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report. <b>a</b> Sponsor's name <b>c</b> Plan Name		<b>4b</b> EIN	
		<b>4d</b> PN	
<b>5a</b> Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year.....		<b>5a</b>	61
<b>b</b> Total number of participants at the end of the plan year .....		<b>5b</b>	0
<b>c</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) .....		<b>5c</b>	
<b>d(1)</b> Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year .....		<b>5d(1)</b>	44
<b>d(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year.....		<b>5d(2)</b>	0
<b>e</b> Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....		<b>5e</b>	0

**Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.**  
 Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including, if applicable, a Schedule SB or Schedule MB completed and signed by an enrolled actuary, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	12/14/2023	DANIEL A. CUSATI
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor

- 6a** Were all of the plan's assets during the plan year invested in eligible assets? (See instructions.) .....  Yes  No
- b** Are you claiming a waiver of the annual examination and report of an independent qualified public accountant (IQPA) under 29 CFR 2520.104-46? (See instructions on waiver eligibility and conditions.) .....  Yes  No
- If you answered "No" to either line 6a or line 6b, the plan cannot use Form 5500-SF and must instead use Form 5500.**
- c** If the plan is a defined benefit plan, is it covered under the PBGC insurance program (see ERISA section 4021)? .....  Yes  No  Not determined
- If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year: 507972. (See instructions.)

<b>Part III Financial Information</b>			
<b>7</b> Plan Assets and Liabilities		<b>(a) Beginning of Year</b>	<b>(b) End of Year</b>
<b>a</b> Total plan assets.....	<b>7a</b>	3479313	0
<b>b</b> Total plan liabilities.....	<b>7b</b>	0	0
<b>c</b> Net plan assets (subtract line 7b from line 7a).....	<b>7c</b>	3479313	0
<b>8</b> Income, Expenses, and Transfers for this Plan Year		<b>(a) Amount</b>	<b>(b) Total</b>
<b>a</b> Contributions received or receivable from:			
<b>(1)</b> Employers.....	<b>8a(1)</b>	0	
<b>(2)</b> Participants.....	<b>8a(2)</b>	0	
<b>(3)</b> Others (including rollovers).....	<b>8a(3)</b>	0	
<b>b</b> Other income (loss).....	<b>8b</b>	75023	
<b>c</b> Total income (add lines 8a(1), 8a(2), 8a(3), and 8b).....	<b>8c</b>		75023
<b>d</b> Benefits paid (including direct rollovers and insurance premiums to provide benefits).....	<b>8d</b>	3524735	
<b>e</b> Certain deemed and/or corrective distributions (see instructions).....	<b>8e</b>	0	
<b>f</b> Administrative service providers (salaries, fees, commissions).....	<b>8f</b>	0	
<b>g</b> Other expenses.....	<b>8g</b>	19799	
<b>h</b> Total expenses (add lines 8d, 8e, 8f, and 8g).....	<b>8h</b>		3544534
<b>i</b> Net income (loss) (subtract line 8h from line 8c).....	<b>8i</b>		-3469511
<b>j</b> Transfers to (from) the plan (see instructions).....	<b>8j</b>	-9802	

<b>Part IV Plan Characteristics</b>	
<b>9a</b>	If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristic Codes in the instructions: 1A 1C 3B 3D
<b>b</b>	If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristic Codes in the instructions:

<b>Part V Compliance Questions</b>				
<b>10</b> During the plan year:		<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>a</b> Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program).....	<b>10a</b>		X	
<b>b</b> Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 10a.).....	<b>10b</b>		X	
<b>c</b> Was the plan covered by a fidelity bond?.....	<b>10c</b>	X		500000
<b>d</b> Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?.....	<b>10d</b>		X	
<b>e</b> Were any fees or commissions paid to any brokers, agents, or other persons by an insurance carrier, insurance service, or other organization that provides some or all of the benefits under the plan? (See instructions.).....	<b>10e</b>		X	
<b>f</b> Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?.....	<b>10f</b>		X	
<b>g</b> Did the plan have any participant loans? (If "Yes," enter amount as of year-end.).....	<b>10g</b>		X	
<b>h</b> If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.).....	<b>10h</b>		X	
<b>i</b> If 10h was answered "Yes," check the box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.....	<b>10i</b>			

**Part VI Pension Funding Compliance**

**11** Is this a defined benefit plan subject to minimum funding requirements? (If "Yes," see instructions and complete Schedule SB (Form 5500) and lines 11a and b below.) If this is a defined contribution pension plan, leave line 11 blank and complete line 12 below.  Yes  No

**a** Enter the unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40..... **11a** 0

**b PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements.** If the plan is covered by PBGC and the amount reported on line 11a is greater than \$0, has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:

- Yes.
- No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.
- No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.
- No. Other. Provide explanation \_\_\_\_\_

**12** Is this a defined contribution plan subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Code or section 302 of ERISA? .....  Yes  No  
(If "Yes," complete line 12a or lines 12b, 12c, 12d, and 12e below, as applicable.) If this is a defined benefit pension plan, leave line 12 blank and complete line 11 above.

**a** If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions, and enter the date of the letter ruling granting the waiver. ....Month Day Year

**If you completed line 12a, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB (Form 5500), and skip to line 13.**

**b** Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year ..... **12b**

**c** Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year ..... **12c**

**d** Subtract the amount in line 12c from the amount in line 12b. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount) ..... **12d**

**e** Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 12d be met by the funding deadline?.....  Yes  No  N/A

**Part VII Plan Terminations and Transfers of Assets**

**13a** Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted in any plan year? .....  Yes  No

If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year..... **13a** 0

**b** Were all the plan assets distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?.....  Yes  No

**c** If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

13c(1) Name of plan(s):	13c(2) EIN(s)	13c(3) PN(s)
NORTHWEST SURGICAL SPECIALISTS, LLP PROFIT SHARING 401(K) PLAN	93-1192191	001

<b>SCHEDULE SB (Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6059 of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500 or 5500-SF.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2022</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b>
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▶ **Round off amounts to nearest dollar.**  
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<b>A</b> Name of plan <u>NORTHWEST SURGICAL SPECIALISTS, LLP CASH BALANCE PLAN</u>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>002</u>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF <u>NORTHWEST SURGICAL SPECIALISTS, LLP</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>93-1192191</u>	
<b>E</b> Type of plan: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-A <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-B	<b>F</b> Prior year plan size: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100 or fewer <input type="checkbox"/> 101-500 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 500	

<b>Part I Basic Information</b>			
<b>1</b> Enter the valuation date: Month <u>01</u> Day <u>01</u> Year <u>2023</u>			
<b>2</b> Assets:			
<b>a</b> Market value.....	<b>2a</b>	<u>3472727</u>	
<b>b</b> Actuarial value .....	<b>2b</b>	<u>3472727</u>	
<b>3</b> Funding target/participant count breakdown	(1) Number of participants	(2) Vested Funding Target	(3) Total Funding Target
<b>a</b> For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment .....	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>b</b> For terminated vested participants.....	<u>17</u>	<u>526718</u>	<u>526718</u>
<b>c</b> For active participants.....	<u>44</u>	<u>2838006</u>	<u>2845858</u>
<b>d</b> Total .....	<u>61</u>	<u>3364724</u>	<u>3372576</u>
<b>4</b> If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b)..... <input type="checkbox"/>			
<b>a</b> Funding target disregarding prescribed at-risk assumptions.....	<b>4a</b>		
<b>b</b> Funding target reflecting at-risk assumptions, but disregarding transition rule for plans that have been in at-risk status for fewer than five consecutive years and disregarding loading factor.....	<b>4b</b>		
<b>5</b> Effective interest rate.....	<b>5</b>	<u>5.46 %</u>	
<b>6</b> Target normal cost .....			
<b>a</b> Present value of current plan year accruals.....	<b>6a</b>	<u>0</u>	
<b>b</b> Expected plan-related expenses .....	<b>6b</b>	<u>0</u>	
<b>c</b> Total (line 6a + line 6b) .....	<b>6c</b>	<u>0</u>	

**Statement by Enrolled Actuary**  
 To the best of my knowledge, the information supplied in this schedule and accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, if any, is complete and accurate. Each prescribed assumption was applied in accordance with applicable law and regulations. In my opinion, each other assumption is reasonable (taking into account the experience of the plan and reasonable expectations) and such other assumptions, in combination, offer my best estimate of anticipated experience under the plan.

<b>SIGN HERE</b>		
	Signature of actuary	<u>12/11/2023</u> Date
	<u>SARA ARK, FSA, EA, MAAA</u> Type or print name of actuary	<u>23-06142</u> Most recent enrollment number
	<u>INDEPENDENT ACTUARIES, INC.</u> Firm name	<u>503-520-0848</u> Telephone number (including area code)
	<u>FIVE CENTERPOINTE DR. SUITE 520 LAKE OSWEGO, OR 97035</u> Address of the firm	

If the actuary has not fully reflected any regulation or ruling promulgated under the statute in completing this schedule, check the box and see instructions

<b>Part II</b>		<b>Beginning of Year Carryover and Prefunding Balances</b>	
		(a) Carryover balance	(b) Prefunding balance
<b>7</b>	Balance at beginning of prior year after applicable adjustments (line 13 from prior year).....	0	0
<b>8</b>	Portion elected for use to offset prior year's funding requirement (line 35 from prior year) .....	0	0
<b>9</b>	Amount remaining (line 7 minus line 8) .....	0	0
<b>10</b>	Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of <u>-7.35</u> % .....	0	0
<b>11</b>	Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance:		
	<b>a</b> Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year).....		757865
	<b>b(1)</b> Interest on the excess, if any, of line 38a over line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's effective interest rate of <u>5.64</u> %.....		42744
	<b>b(2)</b> Interest on line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's actual return .....		0
	<b>c</b> Total available at beginning of current plan year to add to prefunding balance.....		800609
	<b>d</b> Portion of (c) to be added to prefunding balance.....		0
<b>12</b>	Other reductions in balances due to elections or deemed elections.....	0	0
<b>13</b>	Balance at beginning of current year (line 9 + line 10 + line 11d - line 12).....	0	0

<b>Part III</b>		<b>Funding Percentages</b>	
<b>14</b>	Funding target attainment percentage .....	<b>14</b>	102.96 %
<b>15</b>	Adjusted funding target attainment percentage .....	<b>15</b>	102.96 %
<b>16</b>	Prior year's funding percentage for purposes of determining whether carryover/prefunding balances may be used to reduce current year's funding requirement.....	<b>16</b>	107.00 %
<b>17</b>	If the current value of the assets of the plan is less than 70 percent of the funding target, enter such percentage. ....	<b>17</b>	%

<b>Part IV</b>		<b>Contributions and Liquidity Shortfalls</b>			
<b>18</b> Contributions made to the plan for the plan year by employer(s) and employees:					
(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees	(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees
<b>Totals ▶</b>			<b>18(b)</b>	0	<b>18(c)</b> 0

<b>19</b>	Discounted employer contributions – see instructions for small plan with a valuation date after the beginning of the year:		
	<b>a</b> Contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years.....	<b>19a</b>	0
	<b>b</b> Contributions made to avoid restrictions adjusted to valuation date. ....	<b>19b</b>	0
	<b>c</b> Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date. ....	<b>19c</b>	0
<b>20</b>	Quarterly contributions and liquidity shortfalls:		
	<b>a</b> Did the plan have a "funding shortfall" for the prior year? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	<b>b</b> If line 20a is "Yes," were required quarterly installments for the current year made in a timely manner? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	<b>c</b> If line 20a is "Yes," see instructions and complete the following table as applicable:		

Liquidity shortfall as of end of quarter of this plan year			
(1) 1st	(2) 2nd	(3) 3rd	(4) 4th

**Part V Assumptions Used to Determine Funding Target and Target Normal Cost**

**21** Discount rate:

<b>a</b> Segment rates:	1st segment: 4.75 %	2nd segment: 5.00 %	3rd segment: 5.74 %	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A, full yield curve used
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**b** Applicable month (enter code)..... **21b** 4

**22** Weighted average retirement age ..... **22** 65

**23** Mortality table(s) (see instructions)  Prescribed - combined  Prescribed - separate  Substitute

**Part VI Miscellaneous Items**

**24** Has a change been made in the non-prescribed actuarial assumptions for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment. ....  Yes  No

**25** Has a method change been made for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment. ....  Yes  No

**26** Demographic and benefit information

**a** Is the plan required to provide a Schedule of Active Participants? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment. ....  Yes  No

**b** Is the plan required to provide a projection of expected benefit payments? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment ...  Yes  No

**27** If the plan is subject to alternative funding rules, enter applicable code and see instructions regarding attachment ..... **27**

**Part VII Reconciliation of Unpaid Minimum Required Contributions For Prior Years**

<b>28</b> Unpaid minimum required contributions for all prior years.....	<b>28</b>	0
<b>29</b> Discounted employer contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years (line 19a).....	<b>29</b>	0
<b>30</b> Remaining amount of unpaid minimum required contributions (line 28 minus line 29).....	<b>30</b>	0

**Part VIII Minimum Required Contribution For Current Year**

**31** Target normal cost and excess assets (see instructions):

<b>a</b> Target normal cost (line 6c).....	<b>31a</b>	0
<b>b</b> Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a .....	<b>31b</b>	0

<b>32</b> Amortization installments:	Outstanding Balance	Installment
<b>a</b> Net shortfall amortization installment .....	0	0
<b>b</b> Waiver amortization installment.....	0	0

**33** If a waiver has been approved for this plan year, enter the date of the ruling letter granting the approval (Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_) and the waived amount..... **33**

**34** Total funding requirement before reflecting carryover/prefunding balances (lines 31a - 31b + 32a + 32b - 33).... **34** 0

	Carryover balance	Prefunding balance	Total balance
<b>35</b> Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement.....			0

**36** Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35)..... **36** 0

**37** Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c)..... **37** 0

**38** Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)

<b>a</b> Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)	<b>38a</b>	0
<b>b</b> Portion included in line 38a attributable to use of prefunding and funding standard carryover balances .....	<b>38b</b>	0

**39** Unpaid minimum required contribution for current year (excess, if any, of line 36 over line 37)..... **39** 0

**40** Unpaid minimum required contributions for all years..... **40** 0

**Part IX Pension Funding Relief Under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (See Instructions)**

**41** If an election was made to use the extended amortization rule for a plan year beginning on or before December 31, 2021, check the box to indicate the first plan year for which the rule applies.  2019  2020  2021

**Northwest Surgical Specialists, LLP Cash Balance Plan**

**EIN: 93-1192191 PN: 002**

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**2023 Form 5500 Schedule SB, Line 26a – Schedule of Active Participant Data**

Age	Benefit Service										
	Under 1	1-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40 & up	Total
Under 25		3									3
25-29		6									6
30-34		1	1								2
35-39		3	5								8
40-44		1	2								3
45-49			5								5
50-54		2	1								3
55-59		2	3								5
60-64		3	1								4
65-69		2	3								5
70 & up											0
Total	0	23	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44

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## 2023 Form 5500 Schedule SB, Part V – Statement of Actuarial Assumptions/Methods

### Actuarial Method for Minimum Required Contribution

Asset Valuation Method	Fair market value.
Valuation Date	First day of plan year.
Yield Curve Selected	24-month average Segmented Yield Curve, subject to corridor provided by MAP-21 as adjusted by the Highway, Transportation Funding Act of 2014 and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.
Lookback Month for Determining Segment Interest Rates	4 <sup>th</sup> month prior to valuation date.
Future Compensation	Actual compensation for prior year.

### Actuarial Assumptions for Minimum Required Contribution

Segment Interest Rates	First Segment (Under 5 years): 4.75% Second Segment (5 to 19 years): 5.00% Third Segment (20 or more years): 5.74%
Assumed Form of Payment	Lump sum.
Lump Sum Payment Assumptions	Projected Hypothetical Account Balance discounted by applying the appropriate yield curve segment to deferral period.
Assumed Commencement Date	Later of Normal Retirement Date and one year from valuation.
Average Retirement Age	Age 65.
Mortality	
Pre-Retirement	None.
Post-Retirement	See lump sum payment assumptions (above).

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## 2023 Form 5500 Schedule SB, Part V – Statement of Actuarial Assumptions/Methods

Salary Scale	No explicit assumption.
Turnover Rate	No explicit assumption.
Expenses	None.
Future Annual Hours Worked	1,000 or more in each future year or actual hours if known.

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Northwest Surgical Specialists, LLP Cash Balance Plan

**1b** Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

**1c** Effective date of plan  
01/01/2014

**2a** Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan)  
Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box)  
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions)  
Northwest Surgical Specialists, LLP

**2b** Employer Identification Number (EIN)93-1192191

**2c** Sponsor's telephone number  
541-687-1336

3355 Riverbend Dr., Suite 300

**2d** Business code (see instructions)  
621111

Springfield OR 97477

**3a** Plan administrator's name and address  Same as Plan Sponsor.

**3b** Administrator's EIN

**3c** Administrator's telephone number

**4** If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report.

**a** Sponsor's name  
**c** Plan Name

**4b** EIN

**4d** PN

**5a** Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year..... 61

**5a** 61

**b** Total number of participants at the end of the plan year..... 0

**5b** 0

**c** Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item).....

**5c**

**d(1)** Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year..... 44

**5d(1)** 44

**d(2)** Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year..... 0

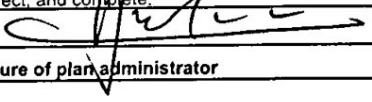
**5d(2)** 0

**e** Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested..... 0

**5e** 0

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Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including, if applicable, a Schedule SB or Schedule MB completed and signed by an enrolled actuary, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE		<u>12/14/2023</u>	Daniel A. Cusati
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor

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- 6a** Were all of the plan's assets during the plan year invested in eligible assets? (See instructions.).....  Yes  No
- b** Are you claiming a waiver of the annual examination and report of an independent qualified public accountant (IQPA) under 29 CFR 2520.104-46? (See instructions on waiver eligibility and conditions.).....  Yes  No
- If you answered "No" to either line 6a or line 6b, the plan cannot use Form 5500-SF and must instead use Form 5500.
- c** If the plan is a defined benefit plan, is it covered under the PBGC insurance program (see ERISA section 4021)? .....  Yes  No  Not determined
- If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year 507972. (See instructions.)

**Part III Financial Information**

7 Plan Assets and Liabilities		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
<b>a</b> Total plan assets	7a	3,479,313	0
<b>b</b> Total plan liabilities	7b	0	0
<b>c</b> Net plan assets (subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	3,479,313	0
8 Income, Expenses, and Transfers for this Plan Year		(a) Amount	(b) Total
<b>a</b> Contributions received or receivable from:			
(1) Employers	8a(1)	0	
(2) Participants	8a(2)	0	
(3) Others (including rollovers)	8a(3)	0	
<b>b</b> Other income (loss)	8b	75,023	
<b>c</b> Total income (add lines 8a(1), 8a(2), 8a(3), and 8b)	8c		75,023
<b>d</b> Benefits paid (including direct rollovers and insurance premiums to provide benefits)	8d	3,524,735	
<b>e</b> Certain deemed and/or corrective distributions (see instructions)	8e	0	
<b>f</b> Administrative service providers (salaries, fees, commissions)	8f	0	
<b>g</b> Other expenses	8g	19,799	
<b>h</b> Total expenses (add lines 8d, 8e, 8f, and 8g)	8h		3,544,534
<b>i</b> Net income (loss) (subtract line 8h from line 8c)	8i		-3,469,511
<b>j</b> Transfers to (from) the plan (see instructions)	8j	-9,802	

**Part IV Plan Characteristics**

- 9a** If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristic Codes in the instructions:  
1A 1C 3B 3D
- b** If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristic Codes in the instructions:

**Part V Compliance Questions**

10 During the plan year.		Yes	No	Amount
<b>a</b> Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program)	10a		X	
<b>b</b> Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 10a.)	10b		X	
<b>c</b> Was the plan covered by a fidelity bond?	10c	X		500,000
<b>d</b> Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	10d		X	
<b>e</b> Were any fees or commissions paid to any brokers, agents, or other persons by an insurance carrier, insurance service, or other organization that provides some or all of the benefits under the plan? (See instructions.)	10e		X	
<b>f</b> Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	10f		X	
<b>g</b> Did the plan have any participant loans? (If "Yes," enter amount as of year-end.)	10g		X	
<b>h</b> If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	10h		X	
<b>i</b> If 10h was answered "Yes," check the box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.	10i			

**Part VI Pension Funding Compliance**

**11** Is this a defined benefit plan subject to minimum funding requirements? (If "Yes," see instructions and complete Schedule SB (Form 5500) and lines 11a and b below.) If this is a defined contribution pension plan, leave line 11 blank and complete line 12 below.  Yes  No

**a** Enter the unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 **11a** 0

**b** PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements. If the plan is covered by PBGC and the amount reported on line 11a is greater than \$0, has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:

Yes.

No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.

No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.

No. Other. Provide explanation \_\_\_\_\_

**12** Is this a defined contribution plan subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Code or section 302 of ERISA? (If "Yes," complete line 12a or lines 12b, 12c, 12d, and 12e below, as applicable.) If this is a defined benefit pension plan, leave line 12 blank and complete line 11 above.  Yes  No

**a** If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions, and enter the date of the letter ruling granting the waiver. \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year

If you completed line 12a, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB (Form 5500), and skip to line 13.

**b** Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year **12b**

**c** Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year **12c**

**d** Subtract the amount in line 12c from the amount in line 12b. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount) **12d**

**e** Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 12d be met by the funding deadline?  Yes  No  N/A

**Part VII Plan Terminations and Transfers of Assets**

**13a** Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted in any plan year?  Yes  No

If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year. **13a** 0

**b** Were all the plan assets distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?  Yes  No

**c** If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

13c(1) Name of plan(s):	13c(2) EIN(s)	13c(3) PN(s)
Northwest Surgical Specialists, LLP Profit Sharing 401(k) Plan	93-1192191	001

**SCHEDULE SB  
(Form 5500)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor  
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

**Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan  
Actuarial Information**

This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6059 of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500 or 5500-SF.**

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**2022**

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For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/11/2023

▶ **Round off amounts to nearest dollar.**

▶ **Caution:** A penalty of \$1,000 will be assessed for late filing of this report unless reasonable cause is established.

<b>A</b> Name of plan Northwest Surgical Specialists, LLP Cash Balance Plan	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	002
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF Northwest Surgical Specialists, LLP	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) 93-1192191	
<b>E</b> Type of plan: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-A <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-B	<b>F</b> Prior year plan size: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100 or fewer <input type="checkbox"/> 101-500 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 500	

<b>Part I Basic Information</b>			
<b>1</b> Enter the valuation date:	Month <u>01</u>	Day <u>01</u>	Year <u>2023</u>
<b>2</b> Assets:			
<b>a</b> Market value .....	<b>2a</b>		3,472,727
<b>b</b> Actuarial value .....	<b>2b</b>		3,472,727
<b>3</b> Funding target/participant count breakdown	(1) Number of participants	(2) Vested Funding Target	(3) Total Funding Target
<b>a</b> For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment .....	0	0	0
<b>b</b> For terminated vested participants .....	17	526,718	526,718
<b>c</b> For active participants .....	44	2,838,006	2,845,858
<b>d</b> Total .....	61	3,364,724	3,372,576
<b>4</b> If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b)..... <input type="checkbox"/>			
<b>a</b> Funding target disregarding prescribed at-risk assumptions .....	<b>4a</b>		
<b>b</b> Funding target reflecting at-risk assumptions, but disregarding transition rule for plans that have been in at-risk status for fewer than five consecutive years and disregarding loading factor .....	<b>4b</b>		
<b>5</b> Effective interest rate .....	<b>5</b>		5.46%
<b>6</b> Target normal cost .....			
<b>a</b> Present value of current plan year accruals .....	<b>6a</b>		0
<b>b</b> Expected plan-related expenses .....	<b>6b</b>		0
<b>c</b> Total (line 6a + line 6b) .....	<b>6c</b>		0

**Statement by Enrolled Actuary**  
To the best of my knowledge, the information supplied in this schedule and accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, if any, is complete and accurate. Each prescribed assumption was applied in accordance with applicable law and regulations. In my opinion, each other assumption is reasonable (taking into account the experience of the plan and reasonable expectations) and such other assumptions, in combination, offer my best estimate of anticipated experience under the plan.

<b>SIGN HERE</b>	Sara Ark	12/11/2023
	Signature of actuary	Date
	Sara Ark, FSA, EA, MAAA	2306142
	Type or print name of actuary	Most recent enrollment number
	Independent Actuaries, Inc.	503-520-0848
	Firm name	Telephone number (including area code)
	Five Centerpointe Dr. Suite 520	
	Lake Oswego OR 97035	
	Address of the firm	

If the actuary has not fully reflected any regulation or ruling promulgated under the statute in completing this schedule, check the box and see instructions

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<b>Part II</b> <b>Beginning of Year Carryover and Prefunding Balances</b>	(a) Carryover balance	(b) Prefunding balance
<b>7</b> Balance at beginning of prior year after applicable adjustments (line 13 from prior year) .....	0	0
<b>8</b> Portion elected for use to offset prior year's funding requirement (line 35 from prior year) .....	0	0
<b>9</b> Amount remaining (line 7 minus line 8) .....	0	0
<b>10</b> Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of <u>-7.35</u> % .....	0	0
<b>11</b> Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance:		
<b>a</b> Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year) .....		757,865
<b>b(1)</b> Interest on the excess, if any, of line 38a over line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's effective interest rate of <u>5.64</u> % .....		42,744
<b>b(2)</b> Interest on line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's actual return .....		0
<b>c</b> Total available at beginning of current plan year to add to prefunding balance .....		800,609
<b>d</b> Portion of (c) to be added to prefunding balance .....		0
<b>12</b> Other reductions in balances due to elections or deemed elections .....	0	0
<b>13</b> Balance at beginning of current year (line 9 + line 10 + line 11d – line 12) .....	0	0

<b>Part III</b> <b>Funding Percentages</b>		
<b>14</b> Funding target attainment percentage .....	<b>14</b>	102.96 %
<b>15</b> Adjusted funding target attainment percentage .....	<b>15</b>	102.96 %
<b>16</b> Prior year's funding percentage for purposes of determining whether carryover/prefunding balances may be used to reduce current year's funding requirement .....	<b>16</b>	107.00 %
<b>17</b> If the current value of the assets of the plan is less than 70 percent of the funding target, enter such percentage .....	<b>17</b>	%

<b>Part IV</b> <b>Contributions and Liquidity Shortfalls</b>					
<b>18</b> Contributions made to the plan for the plan year by employer(s) and employees:					
(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees	(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees
<b>Totals ▶</b>			<b>18(b)</b>	0	<b>18(c)</b>
					0

<b>19</b> Discounted employer contributions – see instructions for small plan with a valuation date after the beginning of the year:		
<b>a</b> Contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years .....	<b>19a</b>	0
<b>b</b> Contributions made to avoid restrictions adjusted to valuation date .....	<b>19b</b>	0
<b>c</b> Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date .....	<b>19c</b>	0
<b>20</b> Quarterly contributions and liquidity shortfalls:		
<b>a</b> Did the plan have a "funding shortfall" for the prior year? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>b</b> If line 20a is "Yes," were required quarterly installments for the current year made in a timely manner? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>c</b> If line 20a is "Yes," see instructions and complete the following table as applicable:		

Liquidity shortfall as of end of quarter of this plan year			
(1) 1st	(2) 2nd	(3) 3rd	(4) 4th

<b>Part V Assumptions Used to Determine Funding Target and Target Normal Cost</b>				
<b>21</b> Discount rate:				
<b>a</b> Segment rates:	1st segment: 4.75 %	2nd segment: 5.00 %	3rd segment: 5.74 %	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A, full yield curve used
<b>b</b> Applicable month (enter code) .....				<b>21b</b> 4
<b>22</b> Weighted average retirement age .....				<b>22</b> 65
<b>23</b> Mortality table(s) (see instructions)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prescribed - combined <input type="checkbox"/> Prescribed - separate <input type="checkbox"/> Substitute			

<b>Part VI Miscellaneous Items</b>				
<b>24</b> Has a change been made in the non-prescribed actuarial assumptions for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment.....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
<b>25</b> Has a method change been made for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment.....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
<b>26</b> Demographic and benefit information				
<b>a</b> Is the plan required to provide a Schedule of Active Participants? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment. ....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
<b>b</b> Is the plan required to provide a projection of expected benefit payments? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment ...	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
<b>27</b> If the plan is subject to alternative funding rules, enter applicable code and see instructions regarding attachment.....				<b>27</b>

<b>Part VII Reconciliation of Unpaid Minimum Required Contributions For Prior Years</b>				
<b>28</b> Unpaid minimum required contributions for all prior years .....				<b>28</b> 0
<b>29</b> Discounted employer contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years (line 19a).....				<b>29</b> 0
<b>30</b> Remaining amount of unpaid minimum required contributions (line 28 minus line 29).....				<b>30</b> 0

<b>Part VIII Minimum Required Contribution For Current Year</b>				
<b>31</b> Target normal cost and excess assets (see instructions):				
<b>a</b> Target normal cost (line 6c) .....				<b>31a</b> 0
<b>b</b> Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a .....				<b>31b</b> 0
<b>32</b> Amortization installments:	Outstanding Balance		Installment	
<b>a</b> Net shortfall amortization installment .....	0		0	
<b>b</b> Waiver amortization installment.....	0		0	
<b>33</b> If a waiver has been approved for this plan year, enter the date of the ruling letter granting the approval (Month _____ Day _____ Year _____) and the waived amount .....				<b>33</b>
<b>34</b> Total funding requirement before reflecting carryover/prefunding balances (lines 31a - 31b + 32a + 32b - 33).....				<b>34</b> 0
	Carryover balance	Prefunding balance	Total balance	
<b>35</b> Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement .....			0	
<b>36</b> Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35) .....				<b>36</b> 0
<b>37</b> Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c) .....				<b>37</b> 0
<b>38</b> Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)				
<b>a</b> Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)				<b>38a</b> 0
<b>b</b> Portion included in line 38a attributable to use of prefunding and funding standard carryover balances.....				<b>38b</b> 0
<b>39</b> Unpaid minimum required contribution for current year (excess, if any, of line 36 over line 37) .....				<b>39</b> 0
<b>40</b> Unpaid minimum required contributions for all years .....				<b>40</b> 0

<b>Part IX Pension Funding Relief Under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (See Instructions)</b>				
<b>41</b> If an election was made to use the extended amortization rule for a plan year beginning on or before December 31, 2021, check the box to indicate the first plan year for which the rule applies. <input type="checkbox"/> 2019 <input type="checkbox"/> 2020 <input type="checkbox"/> 2021				

# Northwest Surgical Specialists, LLP Cash Balance Plan

EIN: 93-1192191 PN: 002

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## 2023 Form 5500 Schedule SB, Part V – Summary of Plan Provisions

Effective Date	Latest Amendment: #1, effective January 1, 2020. January 1, 2014. Plan is terminated effective April 1, 2023.
Plan Year	January 1 to December 31.
Plan Eligibility	
Eligible Employees	All employees.
Requirements	Later of attainment of age 18 and completion of 1 year of service.
Entry date	January 1 or July 1 coinciding with or next following completion of eligibility requirements.
Years of Service	
Eligibility	12-Month period commencing on employee's date of hire during which the employee is credited with at least 1,000 hours; switches to plan year on anniversary of employee's date of hire if employee fails to complete 1,000 hours in first 12-month period.
Vesting	Plan year during which employee is credited with at least 1,000 hours of service, including years prior to effective date of plan.
Benefit	Plan year during which the participant is credited with at least 1,000 hours of service, excluding years prior to the effective date of the plan.
Normal Retirement	
Eligibility	The first day of the month coincident with or following the later of the participant's 65th birthday or the 5 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of plan entry.
Benefit	Hypothetical Account Balance resulting from annual pay credits and interest credits.
Early Retirement	Not provided.

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### Late Retirement

Eligibility	Defer commencement of benefit beyond normal retirement date.
Benefit	Greater of prior year's accrued benefit actuarially increased for deferred commencement and benefit calculated under normal retirement formula, using additional years of compensation and benefit service, if applicable.

Disability Benefit Not provided.

### Death Benefit

Eligibility	Death of participant prior to commencement of benefits.
Benefit	Present value of accrued benefit.

### Termination Benefit

Eligibility	Termination of employment for reasons other than retirement, or death.
Benefit	A percentage of a participant's accrued benefit based on the following schedule:

<u>Years of Vesting Service</u>	<u>Vested Percent</u>
Less than 3	0%
3 or more	100%

### Compensation

Limits	\$200,000 as indexed; \$330,000 for plan years beginning in or after 2023.
Plan	§3401(a) compensation including elective deferrals and excluding pre participation compensation. Compensation includes regular pay and includes leave cashouts paid within 2½ months of the participant's severance from employment. All other types of post-severance compensation are excluded from compensation.

Pay Credits Varies by class and as listed in plan document.

Interest Credits 5.00%.

# Northwest Surgical Specialists, LLP Cash Balance Plan

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Accrued Benefit	A participant's normal retirement benefit calculated using years of benefit service and compensation as of the date of calculation.
Normal Form of Benefit	Single life annuity.
Optional Forms of Benefit	Lump sum, joint & survivor annuity (50%, 75%, 100%).
Actuarial Equivalent	
Interest	5.5% pre- and post-retirement.
Mortality	
Pre-retirement:	None.
Post-retirement:	1994 Group Annuity Reserving, projected to 2002, blended 50% Male / 50% Female.
§417(e)	Stability period is plan year; lookback month is third month preceding plan year.
Top-Heavy Provisions	In the event the plan becomes top-heavy, certain provisions will apply. Generally, a plan is top-heavy if more than 60% of the total present value of accrued benefit and account balances are held for key employees, as defined in the Internal Revenue Code.
Minimum Accrual	Each non-key participant shall receive top heavy benefits in the Northwest Surgical Specialists, LLP Profit Sharing 401(k) Plan.
Vesting	The regular vesting schedule meets the minimum requirements.
Status	Plan is top-heavy.
Changes Since Last Report	Plan is terminated effective April 1, 2023.