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Name of Individual	Name of Ineligible Company(s)	Nature of Relevant Financial Relationship(s)
John F. Lazar, MD	Intuitive Surgical; Medtronic; AstraZeneca	Consultant/Advisory Board (Intuitive Surgical, Medtronic), Research Grant/Support (Intuitive Surgical, Medtronic), Speakers Bureau/Honoraria (AstraZeneca)
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Andrew Brownlee, MD	Intuitive Surgical	Speakers Bureau/Honoraria
Bryan Burt, MD	Bayou Surgical, AstraZeneca, Intuitive Surgical, Momatero-Gene, Navigation Sciences	Founder (Bayou Surgical), Consultant/Advisory Board (AstraZeneca, Intuitive Surgical, Navigation Sciences), Research Grant (Momatero-Gene), Stock Options (Navigation Sciences)
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