

NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CORP
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 LAROCHE RICHARD F JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CORP
 [NHC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 2103 SHANNON DRIVE
 (Street)
 MURFREESBORO, TN 37129
 (City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/27/2007
 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			(A) or (D)	(A) or (D)			
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock, held in trust, subject to life estate					29,523	I	Remainder in GRAT
Common Stock - IRA					1,038	D	
Common Stock - Held in my name or my wife's name	12/27/2007		M	2,000	A	\$ 52.5	2,000
					276,152	D	

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Common Stock - Partnership						
Common Stock - Family Partnership		23,638	I		Family Partnership	
Common Stock - Family Foundation		10,100	I		Trustee of Family Foundation	
Shares of Series A Conv. Preferred Stock by Trustee of GRAT		31,523	I		Remain. in GRAT	
Shares of Series A Conv. Preferred Stock - IRA		1,921	D			
Shares of Series A Conv. Preferred Stock - LaRoche Family LP		3,938	I		Family Partnership	
Shares of Series A Conv. Preferred Stock-LaRoche Enterprises		330,202	D			
Shares of Series A Conv. Preferred Stock-Family Foundation		23,880	I		Trustee of Family Foundation	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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