

BRODIN J PER
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting
Person *

Â BRODIN J PER

(Last) (First) (Middle)

7711 CARONDELET

(Street)

ST. LOUIS,Â MOÂ 63105

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring
Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

04/24/2006

3. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
CENTENE CORP [CNC]

4. Relationship of Reporting
Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner

__X__ Officer ___ Other

(give title below) (specify below)

Senior Vice President and CFO

5. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group

Filing(Check Applicable Line)

__X__ Form filed by One Reporting
Person

___ Form filed by More than One
Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security
(Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities
Beneficially Owned
(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership
Form:
Direct (D)
or Indirect
(I)
(Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
Ownership
(Instr. 5)

Common Stock

1,000

D Â

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

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

1. Title of Derivative
Security
(Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and
Expiration Date
(Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of
Securities Underlying
Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)

4. Conversion
or Exercise
Price of
Derivative
Security

5. Ownership
Form of
Derivative
Security:
Direct (D)
or Indirect

6. Nature of Indirect
Beneficial
Ownership
(Instr. 5)

Date Exercisable Expiration
Date

Title Amount or
Number of

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	11/28/2006 ⁽¹⁾	11/28/2015	Common Stock	7,500	\$ 23.85	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BRODIN J PER 7711 CARONDELET ST. LOUIS, MO 63105	Â	Â	Â Senior Vice President and CFO	Â

Signatures

/s/ Mark G. Ponder (executed by
attorney-in-fact) 04/26/2006

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The options vest in five equal annual installments on the anniversary of the grant date beginning November 28, 2005.

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