

Miles Patrick
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Miles Patrick

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 7475 LUSK BLVD.
 (Street)

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 NUVASIVE INC [NUVA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/24/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
 ____ 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)
 EVP, Marketing and Development

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
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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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/24/2009		M	1,352 A \$ 9.5	2,822	D	
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	02/24/2009		S ⁽²⁾	1,352 D \$ 35.9767	1,470	D	
Common Stock	02/24/2009		M	1,148 A \$ 18.31	3,970	D	
Common Stock ⁽³⁾	02/24/2009		S ⁽²⁾	1,148 D \$ 35.9767	1,470	D	

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 (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.5	02/24/2009		M	1,352	12/17/2008 12/17/2014	Common Stock	1,352
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.31	02/24/2009		M	1,148	⁽⁴⁾ 01/03/2016	Common Stock	1,148

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Miles Patrick 7475 LUSK BLVD. SAN DIEGO, CA 92121			EVP, Marketing and Development	

Signatures

/s/ Jason Hannon,
Attorney-in-fact

02/26/2009

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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 shares sold were acquired contemporaneously upon the cashless exercise of a stock option at an exercise price of \$9.50 per share.

(2) The sale reported on this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on June 4, 2008.

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- (3) The shares sold were acquired contemporaneously upon the cashless exercise of a stock option at an exercise price of \$18.31 per share
- (4) 25% of the total shares subject to the option vested on January 3, 2007 which was the first anniversary of the date of grant; the remaining shares vest in 36 equal monthly installments thereafter.

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