

NUVASIVE INC  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN 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 \*  
Miles Patrick

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
4545 TOWNE CENTRE COURT  
(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)  
05/22/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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 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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V Amount (A) or (D) Price                                         |                                                                                               |                                                          |                                            |
| Common Stock                    | 05/22/2008                           |                                                    | M                              | 8,000 A \$ 9.5                                                    | 21,448 <sup>(1)</sup>                                                                         | D                                                        |                                            |
| Common Stock <sup>(2)</sup>     | 05/22/2008                           |                                                    | S <sup>(3)</sup>               | 8,000 D \$ 39.5055                                                | 13,448                                                                                        | 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                                                 | 05/22/2008                           |                                                    | M                              | 8,000                                                                                   | <sup>(4)</sup> 12/16/2014                                | Common Stock                                                  | 8,000                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                  | Relationships |           |                                |       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
|                                                                 | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                        | Other |
| Miles Patrick<br>4545 TOWNE CENTRE COURT<br>SAN DIEGO, CA 92121 |               |           | EVP, Marketing and Development |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Jason Hannon,  
Attorney-in-fact

05/22/2008

        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) Includes 691 shares acquired under the Issuer's employee stock purchase plan on April 30, 2008.
- (2) The shares sold were acquired contemporaneously upon the cashless exercise of a stock option at an exercise price of \$9.50 per share.
- (3) The sale reported on this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on September 12, 2007.
- (4) 25% of the total shares subject to the option vested on December 17, 2005, which was the first anniversary of the date of grant; the remaining shares vest in 36 equal monthly installments thereafter.

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