NUVASIVE INC Form 4 March 15, 2005

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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 * OBOYLE KEVIN C

4545 TOWNE CENTRE COURT

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

NUVASIVE INC [NUVA]

(First) (Middle) (Last)

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

Director

10% Owner Other (specify

03/14/2005

X_ Officer (give title below) CFO and Executive VP

(Check all applicable)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Securi	ties Acq	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly 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 on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock (1)	03/14/2005		M	5,000	A	\$ 3.75	48,333	D	
Common Stock (1)	03/14/2005		S(2)	5,000	D	\$ 12.4	43,333	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. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)				7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.75	03/14/2005		M	5,000	01/02/2004(3)	01/02/2014	Common Stock	5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

OBOYLE KEVIN C 4545 TOWNE CENTRE COURT SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

CFO and Executive VP

Signatures

/s/ Kevin C. O'Boyle 03/15/2005

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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 stock options with an exercise price of \$3.75 per share.
- The sale reported on this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on September 14, 2004.

The option is immediately exercisable, but shares purchased under such option are subject to repurchase by the Issuer at the option (3) exercise price upon the Reporting Person's termination of service to the Issuer prior to vesting in these shares. 25% of the option shares vest on such date with the remaining option shares vesting in 36 equal monthly installments thereafter.

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