Rydin Jeffrey P Form 4 April 29, 2009

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Rydin Jeffrey P

(First) (Middle) (Last)

(Street)

7475 LUSK BLVD.

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

NUVASIVE INC [NUVA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 04/27/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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Director 10% Owner __Other (specify X_ Officer (give title _ below)

Senior V.P., U.S. Sales

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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Person

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative	e Secu	rities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)			3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transactiomr Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or Code V Amount (D) Price			6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	04/27/2009		M	3,000	A	\$ 17.91	4,289	D	
Common Stock (1)	04/27/2009		S(2)	3,000	D	\$ 37.5363	1,289	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)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on 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)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 17.91	04/27/2009		M		3,000	(3)	12/05/2015	Common Stock	3,000

Reporting Owners

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Rydin Jeffrey P 7475 LUSK BLVD.

Senior V.P., U.S. Sales

Signatures

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

/s/ Jason Hannon, Attorney-in-fact 04/29/2009

**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) \quad \text{The shares sold were acquired contemporaneously upon the cashless exercise of a stock option at an exercise price of $17.91 per share.}$
- (2) The sales reported on this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on September 11, 2008.
- (3) 25% of the total shares subject to the option vested on December 5, 2006, which was the first anniversary of the date of grant; the remaining shares vest in 36 equal monthly installments thereafter.

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