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DAVITA INC Form 4										
September 26	Л								PPROVAL	
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(Print or Type Ro	esponses)									
1. Name and Ad MELLO JOS	Symbol	er Name an ΓΑ INC []		• Trading	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
(Last) (First) (Middle) 601 HAWAII ST.			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/22/2005				Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title 0ther (specify below) Chief Operating Officer			
	4. 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 					
	DO, CA 90245	(7:)					Person			
	(State) 2. Transaction Date Month/Day/Year)	(Zip) 2A. Deem Execution any (Month/Da	ed Date, if	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) Code V	4. Securit nAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3, -	ies (A) or of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	of, or Beneficia 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect	
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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orDerivative	Expiration Date	Underlying Securitie
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.	8)	Acquired (A Disposed o (Instr. 3, 4, 5)	f (D)				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou Numb Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 46	09/22/2005		A <u>(1)</u>		300,000		03/30/2007 <u>(2)</u>	09/22/2010	Common Stock	300,(

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
MELLO JOSEPH C 601 HAWAII ST. EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245			Chief Operating Officer					
Signatures								
/s/ Corinna B. Polk Attorney-in-Fact		09/26/2005	5					

**Signature of 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) Non-Qualified stock option granted under the 2002 Equity Compensation Plan.

(2) Non-Qualified stock options which vest 50% on 3/3/07, and then 8.33% very 4 months thereafter until 100% vested.

Date

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