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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

A Kelsey Stephen Michael

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

04/27/2009

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

GERON CORP [GERN]

(Check all applicable)

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

C/O GERON

CORPORATION, Â 230 CONSTITUTION DRIVE

(Street)

Director

_X__ Officer

10% Owner Other

6. Individual or Joint/Group (give title below) (specify below) Filing(Check Applicable Line) EVP, CMO, Oncology _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

MENLO PARK. CAÂ 94025

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Instr. 4)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership Form:

Ownership (Instr. 5)

Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

(Instr. 5)

Common Stock

40,000 (1)

Â 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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

2. Date Exercisable and 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

4. 5. Ownership Conversion or Exercise Form of

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Price of Derivative Derivative Security:

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Date Expiration Title Amount or Security Direct (D)

Exercisable Date Number of Shares (I)

(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

MENLO PARK, CAÂ 94025

Reporting Owner Name / Address
Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Kelsey Stephen Michael
C/O GERON CORPORATION 230 CONSTITUTION DRIVE

Relationships
Other
A A EVP, CMO, Oncology Â

Signatures

/s/ Olivia Bloom for Stephen M. Kelsey 04/28/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).

The shares of restricted stock will remain subject to a repurchase right of Geron until April 27, 2010, at which time such repurchase right will lapse with respect to 25% of such shares. Geron's repurchase right will lapse with respect to the balance of the shares on April 27, 2011. The lapse of Geron's repurchase right is conditioned on the executive officer continuing to provide services to Geron through each vesting date.

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