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FORM 4

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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 * Valentine Keith

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Last)

(City)

(First) (Middle)

(Zip)

NUVASIVE INC [NUVA]

(Check all applicable)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

10% Owner Other (specify

7475 LUSK BLVD.

(Month/Day/Year) 03/01/2013

X_ Officer (give title below)

President & COO 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Director

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

Person

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

(State)

(City)	(State)	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	ecuriti	ies Acq	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (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	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
Common Stock	03/01/2013		A	37,438 (1)	A	\$0	37,438	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2013		A	33,914 (2)	A	\$0	33,914	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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transacti	5. orNumber	6. Date Exerc Expiration D		7. Title Amount		8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
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					Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title N	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer Other Director 10% Owner

Valentine Keith 7475 LUSK BLVD. SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

President & COO

Signatures

/s/ Jason M. Hannon, Attorney-in-Fact for Keith Valentine

03/05/2013

**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).
 - On February 13, 2012, the reporting person received performance restricted stock unit awards (the "PRSUs") to vest only upon
- satisfaction of certain performance criteria for fiscal year 2012. On March 1, 2013, the Issuer's Compensation Committee determined that all of the performance criteria associated with the PRSUs had been satisfied. Accordingly, 1/3 of the reported shares subject to the PRSUs shall vest on each of March 1, 2013, March 1, 2014 and March 1, 2015.
- (2) Represents an award of Restricted Stock Units that vest in 3 equal installments beginning on February 1, 2014.

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