

Miles Patrick  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
Miles Patrick

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
NUVASIVE INC [NUVA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
09/22/2009

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

EVP, Marketing and Development

7475 LUSK BLVD.

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially 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 (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	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		
Common Stock	09/22/2009		M		5,800 A \$ 18.31	7,895	D
Common Stock	09/22/2009		F		2,618 (1) D \$ 40.58	5,277	D
Common Stock (2)	09/23/2009		S(3)		3,182 D \$ 40.3625	2,095	D
Common Stock	09/22/2009		M		1,700 A \$ 23.24	3,795	D
Common Stock	09/22/2009		F		974 (4) D \$ 40.58	2,821	D

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Common Stock <sup>(2)</sup> 09/23/2009 S<sup>(3)</sup> 726 D \$ 40.3625 2,095 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of 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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.31	09/22/2009		M	5,800	<sup>(5)</sup> 01/03/2016	Common Stock	5,800
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 23.24	09/22/2009		M	1,700	<sup>(6)</sup> 01/16/2017	Common Stock	1,700

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

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## Signatures

/s/ Jason Hannon,  
Attorney-in-fact

09/24/2009

        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) Shares withheld at the election of the Reporting Person to satisfy payment of the option exercise price in connection with an exercise of a stock option granted in January 2006.
  - (2) The shares sold were acquired upon the net exercise of a stock option.
  - (3) The sale reported on this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on May 19, 2009.
  - (4) Shares withheld at the election of the Reporting Person to satisfy payment of the option exercise price in connection with an exercise of a stock option granted in January 2007.
  - (5) 25% of the total shares subject to the option vested on January 3, 2007 which was the first anniversary of the date of grant; the remaining shares vest in 36 equal monthly installments thereafter.
  - (6) 25% of the total shares subject to the option vested on January 16, 2008 which was the first anniversary of the date of grant; the remaining shares vest in 36 equal monthly installments thereafter.

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