

NUVASIVE INC  
Form S-8  
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Registration No. 333-

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

FORM S-8  
REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER  
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

NUVASIVE, INC.  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation or Organization)

33-0768598  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

4545 Towne Centre Court, San Diego, CA 92121  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

2004 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN  
2004 EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN  
(Full Title of the Plans)

Alexis V. Lukianov  
Chairman, Chief Executive Officer  
NuVasive, Inc.

4545 Towne Centre Court  
San Diego, CA 92121  
(Name and Address of Agent For Service)

(858) 909-1800  
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**CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

<b>Title of Securities to be Registered</b>	<b>Amount to be Registered (1)</b>	<b>Proposed Maximum Offering Price per Share (4)</b>	<b>Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price (4)</b>	<b>Amount of Registration Fee</b>
Common Stock \$0.001 par value per share, to be issued pursuant to the 2004 Equity Incentive Plan	2,316,054(2)	\$38.99	\$90,302,945	\$3,548.91

Common Stock \$0.001 par value per share, to be issued pursuant to the 2004 Employee Stock Purchase Plan	579,788(3)	\$38.99	\$22,605,934	\$888.41
			Aggregate Registration Fee:	\$4,437.32

- (1) Pursuant to Rule 416(a) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act ), this registration statement includes such indeterminable number of additional shares as may be issued as a result of an adjustment to the shares by reason of a stock split, stock dividend or similar capital adjustment, as required by the plans.
- (2) Represents 2,316,054 shares automatically added to the shares authorized for issuance under the NuVasive, Inc. 2004 Equity Incentive Plan (the 2004 EIP ) on January 1, 2005, January 1, 2006 and January 1, 2007, pursuant to the evergreen provision contained in the 2004 EIP. The registrant registered the

shares initially authorized for issuance under the 2004 EIP pursuant to a registration statement on Form S-8 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 16, 2004 (File No. 333-116546) (the 2004 S-8 ). The 2004 S-8 also registered an additional 1,000,000 shares that became issuable under the 2004 EIP pursuant to its evergreen provision. After the filing of the 2004 S-8 and before December 31, 2007, a total of 3,316,054 additional shares have been automatically added to the shares authorized for issuance under the 2004 EIP pursuant to its evergreen provision: 955,000 additional shares on January 1, 2005, 1,004,238 additional shares on January 1, 2006, and 1,356,816 additional shares

on January 1, 2007. This registration statement covers the additional shares over and above the 1,000,000 additional shares previously registered.

- (3) Represents 579,788 shares automatically added to the shares authorized for issuance under the NuVasive, Inc. 2004 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the 2004 ESPP ) on January 1, 2005, January 1, 2006 and January 1, 2007 pursuant to the evergreen provision contained in the 2004 ESPP. The registrant registered the shares initially authorized for issuance under the 2004 ESPP pursuant to the 2004 S-8. The 2004 S-8 also registered an additional 250,000 shares that became issuable under the 2004 ESPP pursuant to its evergreen provision. After the filing of the

2004 S-8 and before December 31, 2007, a total of 829,788 additional shares have been automatically added to the to the shares authorized for issuance under the 2004 ESPP pursuant to its evergreen provision: 239,524 additional shares on January 1, 2005, 251,060 additional shares on January 1, 2006, and 339,204 additional shares on January 1, 2007. This registration statement covers the additional shares over and above the 250,000 additional shares previously registered.

- (4) This estimate is computed in accordance with Rule 457(h) under the Securities Act solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee, and is based on the average of the high and low prices of the

registrant's  
common stock on  
February 26,  
2008, as reported  
on the Nasdaq  
Global Select  
Market.

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This registration statement is being filed for the purpose of registering additional securities of the same class as other securities for which a registration statement of NuVasive, Inc. (the Registrant) on Form S-8 relating to the same employee benefit plans are effective. In accordance with General Instruction E to Form S-8, the contents of the Registrant's registration statement on Form S-8 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission) on June 16, 2004 (File No. 333-116546) are hereby incorporated by reference.

**PART II**

**INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

**Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference**

The following documents filed with the Commission by the Registrant are incorporated by reference in this registration statement:

(a) The Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007, as filed on February 29, 2008;

(b) The Registrant's Current Reports on Form 8-K, as filed on January 11, 2008 and January 31, 2008; and

(c) The description of the Common Stock of the Registrant contained in the Registration Statement on Form 8-A (No. 000-50744) filed with the Commission on May 5, 2004, pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act), and in any report filed for the purpose of amending such description.

All documents subsequently filed by the Registrant pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act, prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment to this registration statement which indicates that all of the shares of common stock offered under this registration statement have been sold or which deregisters all of such shares then remaining unsold, are incorporated by reference in this registration statement and are a part hereof from the date of the filing of such documents, except as to any portion of any future annual, quarterly or current report or document that is not deemed filed with the Commission. Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this registration statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this registration statement.

**Item 4. Description of Securities**

Not applicable.

**Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel**

Not applicable.

**Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers**

Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law authorizes a court to award, or a corporation's board of directors to grant, indemnity to directors and officers in terms sufficiently broad to permit such indemnification

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under certain circumstances for liabilities (including reimbursement for expenses incurred) arising under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act ).

As permitted by the Delaware General Corporation Law, the Registrant's certificate of incorporation includes a provision that eliminates the personal liability of its directors for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except for liability (1) for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the Registrant or its stockholders, (2) for acts or omissions not in good faith or that involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (3) under Section 174 of the Delaware General Corporation Law (regarding unlawful dividends and stock purchases) or (4) for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit.

As permitted by the Delaware General Corporation Law, the Registrant's bylaws provide that (1) it is required to indemnify its directors and officers to the fullest extent permitted by the Delaware General Corporation Law, subject to certain very limited exceptions, (2) the Registrant may indemnify its other employees and agents as set forth in the Delaware General Corporation Law, (3) the Registrant is required to advance expenses, as incurred, to our directors and executive officers in connection with a legal proceeding to the fullest extent permitted by the Delaware General Corporation Law, subject to certain very limited exceptions and (4) the rights conferred in the Registrant's bylaws are not exclusive.

The Registrant has entered into indemnification agreements with each of its directors and executive officers to give such directors and officers additional contractual assurances regarding the scope of the indemnification set forth in our certificate of incorporation and to provide additional procedural protections. The Registrant also intends to enter into indemnification agreements with any new directors and executive officers in the future. At present, there is no pending litigation or proceeding involving any of the Registrant's directors, officers, employees, or agents where indemnification by us will be required or permitted, and we are not aware of any threatened litigation or proceeding that may result in a claim for such indemnification.

The indemnification provisions in the Registrant's certificate of incorporation, the Registrant's bylaws and the indemnification agreements entered into between the Registrant and each of its directors and executive officers may be sufficiently broad to permit indemnification of the Registrant's directors and executive officers for liabilities arising under the Securities Act.

The Registrant has obtained liability insurance for its officers and directors.

**Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed**

Not Applicable.

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**Item 8. Exhibits**

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4.2(1)	Restated Bylaws
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23.1	Consent of Ernst & Young LLP, Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm
23.2	Consent of Heller Ehrman LLP (filed as part of Exhibit 5.1)
24	Power of Attorney (included on the signature page to this registration statement)
(1)	Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Quarterly Report

on Form 10-Q  
filed with the  
Commission on  
August 13, 2004.

- (2) Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-113344) filed with the Commission on March 5, 2004.
- (3) Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on August 10, 2005.
- (4) Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on September 29, 2006.
- (5) Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Commission on March 15, 2006.
- (6) Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 1 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on

Form S-1 (File  
No. 333-113344)  
filed with the  
Commission on  
April 8, 2004.

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**Item 9. Undertakings**

The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:

(a) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933 (the Securities Act );

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the Calculation of Registration Fee table in the effective registration statement; and

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

Provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(i) and (a)(ii) above do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in this registration statement.

(b) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(c) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of San Diego, State of California, on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2008.

NUVASIVE, INC.

By: /s/ Alexis V. Lukianov  
 Alexis V. Lukianov  
 Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

We, the undersigned directors and/or officers of NuVasive, Inc. (the Registrant), hereby severally constitute and appoint Alexis V. Lukianov, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer and Kevin C. O Boyle, Executive Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer, and each of them individually, with full powers of substitution and resubstitution, our true and lawful attorneys, with full powers to them and each of them to sign for us, in our names and in the capacities indicated below, the Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed with the SEC, and any and all amendments to said Registration Statement (including post-effective amendments), and any registration statement filed pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act of 1933 in connection with the registration under the Securities Act of 1933 of the Registrant's equity securities, and to file or cause to be filed the same, with all exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith, with the SEC, granting unto said attorneys, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in connection therewith, as fully to all intents and purposes as each of them might or could do in person, and hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys, and each of them, or their substitute or substitutes, shall do or cause to be done by virtue of this Power of Attorney.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933 this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities indicated on February 29, 2008:

<b>Signature</b>	<b>Title(s)</b>
/s/ Alexis V. Lukianov Alexis V. Lukianov	Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, and Director (Principal Executive Officer)
/s/ Kevin C. O Boyle Kevin C. O Boyle	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting officer)
/s/ Jack R. Blair Jack R. Blair	Director
/s/ James C. Blair James C. Blair	Director
/s/ Peter C. Farrell	Director

Peter C. Farrell

/s/ Robert J. Hunt                      Director

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/s/ Lesley H. Howe                      Director

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/s/ Hansen Yuan                      Director

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