

NUVASIVE INC  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Spangler Jonathan		(Month/Day/Year)	NUVASIVE INC [NUVA]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
		12/17/2004		
10065 OLD GROVE ROAD			(Check all applicable)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
	(Street)		<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
SAN DIEGO,Â CAÂ 92131			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	(give title below) (specify below)	
			VP & Chief Patent Counsel	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	26,984	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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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)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	09/26/2002 <sup>(1)</sup>	09/26/2011	Common Stock	15,833	\$ 0.63	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	01/16/2003 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/16/2012	Common Stock	19,949	\$ 0.63	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	01/15/2004 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/15/2013	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 0.63	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	01/02/2005 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/02/2014	Common Stock	12,000	\$ 3.75	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â <sup>(2)</sup>	10/19/2014	Common Stock	15,000	\$ 9.5	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â <sup>(3)</sup>	12/16/2014	Common Stock	25,000	\$ 9.5	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Spangler Jonathan 10065 OLD GROVE ROAD SAN DIEGO, CA 92131	Â	Â	Â VP & Chief Patent Counsel	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Jonathan Spangler 12/21/2004

         \*\*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 option is immediately exercisable, but shares purchased under such option are subject to repurchase by the Issuer at the option exercise price, upon the Reporting Person's termination of service to the Issuer prior to vesting in these shares. 25% of the option shares vest on such date with the remaining option shares vesting in 36 equal monthly installments thereafter.
- (1) This option vests and become exercisable with respect to 25% of the total number of underlying shares on the first anniversary of the grant date (10/20/04) with the remaining option shares vesting in 36 equal monthly installments thereafter.
  - (2) This option vests and become exercisable with respect to 25% of the total number of underlying shares on the first anniversary of the grant date (12/17/04) with the remaining option shares vesting in 36 equal monthly installments thereafter.

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