

Rydin Jeffrey P  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 Rydin Jeffrey P

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 7475 LUSK BLVD.  
 (Street)

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/24/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Senior V.P., U.S. Sales

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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	09/24/2009		M		1,396 A \$ 17.91	3,310	D
Common Stock	09/24/2009		F <sup>(1)</sup>		640 D \$ 39.09	2,670	D
Common Stock <sup>(2)</sup>	09/25/2009		S <sup>(3)</sup>		756 D \$ 39.1314	1,914	D
Common Stock	09/24/2009		M		1,604 A \$ 23.24	3,518	D
Common Stock	09/24/2009		F <sup>(4)</sup>		954 D \$ 39.09	2,564	D

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Common Stock <sup>(2)</sup> 09/25/2009 S<sup>(3)</sup> 650 D \$ 39.1314 1,914 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 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)	\$ 17.91	09/24/2009		M	1,396	<sup>(5)</sup> 12/05/2015	Common Stock	1,396
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 23.24	09/24/2009		M	1,604	<sup>(6)</sup> 01/16/2017	Common Stock	1,604

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Rydin Jeffrey P 7475 LUSK BLVD. SAN DIEGO, CA 92121			Senior V.P., U.S. Sales	

## Signatures

/s/ Jason Hannon,  
Attorney-in-fact 09/28/2009

        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 December 2005.
  - (2) The shares sold were acquired upon the net exercise of a stock option.
  - (3) The sales reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 trading plans adopted by the Reporting Person on September 11, 2008.
  - (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 December 5, 2006, 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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