

WHITNEY RICHARD K
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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. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
WHITNEY RICHARD K

(Last) (First) (Middle)
601 HAWAII STREET
(Street)

EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
DAVITA INC [DVA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/19/2008

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 Vice President

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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Code V Amount (D) Price | | |

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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|
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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------|--|------|---|-----|-----|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| Stock Appreciation Right | \$ 50.82 | 02/19/2008 | A | 30,000 | | | | | 03/18/2009 ⁽¹⁾ | 08/19/2011 | Common Stock | 30,000 |
| Stock Appreciation Right | \$ 50.42 | 02/20/2008 | A | 30,000 | | | | | 07/18/2009 ⁽²⁾ | 08/20/2011 | Common Stock | 30,000 |
| Stock Appreciation Right | \$ 50.84 | 02/21/2008 | A | 20,000 | | | | | 12/18/2009 ⁽³⁾ | 08/21/2011 | Common Stock | 20,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| WHITNEY RICHARD K 601 HAWAII STREET EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245 | | | Senior Vice President | |

Signatures

/s/ Corinna B. Polk
Attorney-in-Fact

02/22/2008

**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) Stock Appreciation Right, granted pursuant to the 2002 Equity Compensation Plan, which vests 3,611 shares on 3/18/09, 6,944 on each of 4/18/09, 5/18/09, 6/18/09, and 5,557 on 7/18/09, in each case provided Mr. Whitney is either the Chief Financial Officer or employed by the Company and working at least 25 hours per week.
- (2) Stock Appreciation Right, granted pursuant to the 2002 Equity Compensation Plan, which vests 1,387 shares on 7/18/09, 6,945 on each of 8/18/09, 9/18/09, 10/18/09, 11/18/09, and 833 on 12/18/09, in each case provided Mr. Whitney is either the Chief Financial Officer or employed by the Company and working at least 25 hours per week.
- (3) Stock Appreciation Right, granted pursuant to the 2002 Equity Compensation Plan, which vests 6,112 on 12/18/09, and 6,944 on each of 01/18/10 and 02/18/10 in each case provided Mr. Whitney is either the Chief Financial Officer or employed by the Company and working at least 25 hours per week.

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