

HOWE LESLEY H  
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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 \*

HOWE LESLEY H

(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)

05/25/2010

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)

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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 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 (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of	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	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Derivative Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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Derivative Security			Code	V	(A) or (D)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
					(A)	(D)				
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 39.84	05/25/2010	A		6,000 <u>(1)</u>		<u>(2)</u>	05/25/2020	Common Stock	6,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HOWE LESLEY H 7475 LUSK BLVD. SAN DIEGO, CA 92121		X		

## Signatures

/s/ Jason Hannon,  
Attorney-in-fact  
Date: 05/27/2010

        Signature of Reporting Person

## 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).

This option was granted pursuant to the Issuer's 2004 Equity Incentive Plan which provides for an automatic annual grant of an option to purchase 6,000 shares of common stock to each non-employee director on the date of each annual stockholders meeting. The 2010 annual stockholders meeting occurred on May 25, 2010.

(2) This option vests and becomes exercisable in 12 equal installments on each monthly anniversary of the date of grant (May 25, 2010).

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