Rydin Jeffrey P Form 4 April 25, 2008

### FORM 4

#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** 

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

(City)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* Rydin Jeffrey P

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

**NUVASIVE INC [NUVA]** 

(First) (Middle)

(Zip)

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

4545 TOWNE CENTER COURT 04/24/2008

(Street)

(State)

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

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

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Senior V.P., U.S. Sales

10% Owner Other (specify

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Issuer

below)

Director

X\_ Officer (give title

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

(City)	(State)	Table 1 - 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 comprome Disposed (Instr. 3, 4 and	of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code V	(A or Amount (D		Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(I) (Instr. 4)	(IIISU. 4)			
Common Stock	04/24/2008		M	2,000 A	\$ 17.91	4,613	D				
Common Stock (1)	04/24/2008		S(2)	2,000 D	\$ 39.3973	2,613	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)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number out 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 17.91	04/24/2008		M	2,000	(3)	12/05/2015	Common Stock	2,000

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Rydin Jeffrey P

4545 TOWNE CENTER COURT

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

Senior V.P., U.S. Sales

## **Signatures**

/s/ Jason Hannon, Attorney-in-fact

04/25/2008

\*\*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) The shares sold were acquired contemporaneously upon the cashless exercise of a stock option at an exercise price of \$17.91 per share.
- (2) The sale reported on this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on August 27, 2007.
- (3) 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.

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