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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement NUVASIVE INC [NUVA] A Lipschultz Tyler (Month/Day/Year) 01/03/2011 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 7475 LUSK BLVD. (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person SAN DIEGO, CAÂ 92121 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One EVP, Biologics Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Common Stock 1,213 Common Stock 6,300 (1) D Â Common Stock $9,000^{(2)}$ D Â Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(3)	06/30/2018	Common Stock	75,000	\$ 44.66	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(4)	01/02/2019	Common Stock	25,000	\$ 34.82	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(5)	02/19/2020	Common Stock	22,500	\$ 29.95	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
F	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Lipschultz Tyler 7475 LUSK BLVD. SAN DIEGO, Â CAÂ 92121	Â	Â	EVP, Biologics	Â	

Signatures

Jason Hannon,
Attorney-In-Fact

**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).
- (1) Represents an award of Restricted Stock Units that began vesting in 4 equal annual installments beginning on January 1, 2010.
- (2) Represents an award of Restricted Stock Units that vest in 4 equal annual installments beginning on February 1, 2011.
- (3) 25% of the total shares subject to the option vested on June 30, 2009, the first anniversary of the date of grant; the remaining shares continue to vest in 36 equal monthly installments thereafter.
- (4) 25% of the total shares subject to the option vested on January 2, 2010, the first anniversary of the date of grant; the remaining shares continue to vest in 36 equal monthly installments thereafter.
- (5) 25% of the total shares subject to the option vest on February 19, 2011, the first anniversary of the date of grant; the remaining shares will continue to vest in 36 equal monthly installments thereafter.

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