

OBOYLE KEVIN C
Form 4
December 16, 2004

FORM 4

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

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
OBOYLE KEVIN C

(Last) (First) (Middle)

10065 OLD GROVE ROAD

(Street)

SAN DIEGO, CA 92131

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/15/2004

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)

VP, Finance and CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	12/15/2004		M		12,000	A	\$ 3.75
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	12/15/2004		S ⁽²⁾		12,000	D	\$ 9.4933

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)
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.75	12/15/2004		M	12,000	01/01/2004 ⁽³⁾ 01/02/2014	Common Stock 12,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

OBOYLE KEVIN C
10065 OLD GROVE ROAD
SAN DIEGO, CA 92131

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

VP, Finance and CFO

Signatures

/s/ Kevin C.
O'Boyle

12/15/2004

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) The shares sold were acquired contemporaneously upon the cashless exercise of stock options with an exercise price of \$3.75 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 September 14, 2004.

The option is immediately exercisable, but shares purchased under such option are subject to repurchase by the Issuer at the option exercise price, upon the Reporting Person's termination of service to the Issuer prior to vesting in these shares. 25% of the option shares vest on such date with the remaining option shares vesting in 36 equal monthly installments thereafter.

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