

NUVASIVE INC  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
Valentine Keith

(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)  
12/18/2014

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)  
COO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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\_\_\_ 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock	12/18/2014		M		20,000	A	\$ 18.31
Common Stock	12/18/2014		F		14,107 (2)	D	\$ 47.7
Common Stock	12/19/2014		S		5,893 (3)	D	\$ 47.7784 (4)

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.31	12/18/2014		M	20,000	<u>(5)</u> 01/03/2016	Common Stock	20,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Valentine Keith 7475 LUSK BLVD. SAN DIEGO, CA 92121			COO	

## Signatures

/s/ Jason M. Hannon, Attorney-in-Fact for Keith C. Valentine  
12/22/2014

\_\_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) Shares directly held by the Reporting Person. The Reporting Person also holds conditional rights to receive or purchase (as appropriate) shares pursuant to previously disclosed Company equity awards.
- (2) Payment of exercise price and tax liability by Issuer's withholding of shares incident to the respective option exercise.
- (3) The sale reported on this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Trading Plan adopted by the Reporting Person on December 12, 2013, which is intended to comply with Rule 10b5-1.
- (4) Weighted average from 18 transactions with prices ranging from \$47.5000 to \$47.9500. Upon request by the Commission staff, the Issuer or a security holder of the Issuer, the Reporting Person will undertake to provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- (5)

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The option, representing a right to purchase a total of 81,534 shares, became exercisable as follows: 25% of the shares vested on January 3, 2007; 1/48th of the remaining shares vested monthly thereafter so that all shares were fully vested as of January 3, 2010, subject to continued employment through each vesting period.

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