

Link Matthew  
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 \*  
Link Matthew

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
7475 LUSK BLVD.  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/26/2017

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP, Strategy, Tech & Corp Dev

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121  
  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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)	Price			
Common Stock	12/26/2017		G	V	509	D	\$ 0 82,335 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock	12/27/2017		M		7,500	A	\$ 38.78 89,835 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock	12/27/2017		F		5,325 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	\$ 58.84 84,510 <sup>(1)</sup>	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)

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)	8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.78	12/27/2017		M	5,350	(3) (3)	Common Stock	5,350
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.78	12/27/2017		M	2,150	(4) (4)	Common Stock	2,150

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Link Matthew 7475 LUSK BLVD. SAN DIEGO, CA 92121			EVP, Strategy, Tech & Corp Dev	

## Signatures

/s/ Nathaniel B. Sisitsky, Attorney-in-Fact for Matthew W. Link  
12/27/2017

\_\_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 shares pursuant to previously disclosed Issuer equity awards. Amount includes 429 shares acquired under the Issuer's employee stock purchase plan in April 2017.
  - (2) Payment of exercise price and tax liability, as applicable, by Issuer's withholding of shares incident to the respective option exercise.

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- (3) The option, representing a right to purchase a total of 5,350 shares, was granted on January 2, 2008 and is fully vested.
- (4) The option, representing a right to purchase a total of 2,150 shares, was granted on January 2, 2008 and is fully vested.

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