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

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1. Name and A Nissenson	Symbol	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol DAVITA INC [DVA]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First) (I	Middle) 3. Date of	f Earliest Ti	ransaction	(enc	ск ин иррпсион	,	
C/O DAVI WEWATT		(Month/Day/Year) 05/17/2011			e title 10% below) Medical Office	er (specify		
	(Street)	4. If Ame	4. If Amendment, Date Original			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le I - Non-I	Derivative Securities Acq	quired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)		

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			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	05/17/2011		M	4,866	A	\$ 56.14	5,791	D	
Common Stock	05/17/2011		F	3,200	D	\$ 85.39	2,591	D	
Common Stock	05/17/2011		S	1,666	D	\$ 86	925	D	
Common Stock	05/17/2011		M	1,867	A	\$ 46.26	2,792	D	
Common Stock	05/17/2011		F	1,012	D	\$ 85.39	1,780	D	

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Common Stock 05/17/2011 S 855 D \$86 925 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. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amou Underlying Securi (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amor or Nur of Shar
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 56.14	05/17/2011		M	4,866	08/01/2009(1)	08/01/2013	Common Stock	4,8
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 46.26	05/17/2011		M	1,867	03/02/2010(1)	03/02/2014	Common Stock	1,8

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

Nissenson Allen C/O DAVITA INC. 1551 WEWATTA AT. DENVER, CO 80202

Chief Medical Officer

Signatures

/s/ Kim M. Rivera Attorney-in-Fact 05/19/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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Relationships

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- * 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) Stock Appreciation Right, pursuant to the 2002 Equity Compensation Plan, which vest 25% on the first anniversary of the grant date, 8.33% on the 20th month following the grant date, and 8.33% every 4 months thereafter.

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