

MELLO JOSEPH C
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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 *
MELLO JOSEPH C

(Last) (First) (Middle)

601 HAWAII ST.

(Street)

EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
DAVITA INC [DVA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/23/2005

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)

Chief Operations Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount (A) or (D) Price | | |
| Common Stock | 02/23/2005 | | M | | 75,000 A \$ 10.2667 | 176,335 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/23/2005 | | S | | 25,000 D \$ 40.9 | 151,335 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/23/2005 | | S | | 900 D \$ 41.03 | 150,435 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/23/2005 | | S | | 20,000 D \$ 41.05 | 130,435 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/23/2005 | | S | | 20,000 D \$ 41.1 | 110,435 | D |

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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MELLO JOSEPH C
601 HAWAII ST.
EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245

Chief Operations Officer

Signatures

/s/ Corinna B. Polk
Attorney-in-Fact

02/26/2005

__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) Non-Qualified Stock Option which 18,750 vested on 2/13/02, 2/13/03, 2/13/04, and 2/13/05.

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