

NUVASIVE INC  
Form 8-K  
March 13, 2006

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
Form 8-K  
Current Report  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 8, 2006  
NUVASIVE, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Delaware**

**000-50744**

**33-0768598**

(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

(Commission File  
Number)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification  
Number)

**4545 Towne Centre Court, San Diego, California 92121**

(Address of principal executive offices, with zip code)

**(858) 909-1800**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**n/a**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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On March 8, 2006, the Compensation Committee (the Committee) of the Board of Directors of NuVasive, Inc. (the Company), awarded the following performance bonuses to the Company's Chief Executive Officer and four other most highly compensated individuals in 2005:

Name	Amount
Alexis V. Lukianov, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer	\$ 320,000
Keith Valentine, President	\$ 179,500
Kevin C. O'Boyle, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	\$ 152,500
Patrick Miles, Senior Vice President of Marketing	\$ 137,500
James J. Skinner, Vice President of Strategic Sales Development	\$ 81,000

In addition, the Committee adopted metrics pursuant to which performance bonuses for fiscal year 2006 may be awarded to certain of the Company's key employees, including each of the Company's executive officers. The pool of funds available for bonus awards will be determined by overall Company performance, with individual bonus awards determined by achievement of individual performance criteria.

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**NUVASIVE, INC.**

Date: March 13, 2006

By: /s/ **Alexis V. Lukianov**  
Alexis V. Lukianov  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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