

MELLO JOSEPH C  
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 \*  
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  
\_\_\_ 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	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	02/23/2005		M		75,000	A	\$ 10.2667
Common Stock	02/23/2005		S		25,000	D	\$ 40.9
Common Stock	02/23/2005		S		900	D	\$ 41.03
Common Stock	02/23/2005		S		20,000	D	\$ 41.05
Common Stock	02/23/2005		S		20,000	D	\$ 41.1



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Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

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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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