

Riopelle Christopher J  
 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 \*  
 Riopelle Christopher J

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 601 HAWAII STREET  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 10/11/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Chief Compliance Officer

EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245  
 (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 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)	Code V Amount (D) Price		

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)				Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am or Nu of
			Code	V	(A)	(D)					
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 56.38	10/11/2006	A		30,000			10/11/2007 <sup>(1)</sup>	10/11/2011	Common Stock	3
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 56.38	10/11/2006	A		25,000			10/11/2009 <sup>(2)</sup>	10/11/2011	Common Stock	2

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Riopelle Christopher J 601 HAWAII STREET EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245			Chief Compliance Officer	

## Signatures

/s/ Corinna B. Polk Attorney-in-Fact	10/13/2006
**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) Stock Appreciation Right, granted under the 2002 Equity Compensation Plan, which vests 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 until 100% vested.
- (2) Stock Appreciation Right, granted under the 2002 Equity Compensation Plan, which vests 100% on 3rd anniversary of the grant date.

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