

WHITNEY RICHARD K  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
 WHITNEY RICHARD K

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 601 HAWAII STREET  
 (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)  
 02/19/2008

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)  
 Senior Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 Indirect Beneficial 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)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 50.82	02/19/2008	A	30,000					03/18/2009 <sup>(1)</sup>	08/19/2011	Common Stock	30,000
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 50.42	02/20/2008	A	30,000					07/18/2009 <sup>(2)</sup>	08/20/2011	Common Stock	30,000
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 50.84	02/21/2008	A	20,000					12/18/2009 <sup>(3)</sup>	08/21/2011	Common Stock	20,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WHITNEY RICHARD K 601 HAWAII STREET EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245			Senior Vice President	

## Signatures

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

02/22/2008

\*\*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 pursuant to the 2002 Equity Compensation Plan, which vests 3,611 shares on 3/18/09, 6,944 on each of 4/18/09, 5/18/09, 6/18/09, and 5,557 on 7/18/09, in each case provided Mr. Whitney is either the Chief Financial Officer or employed by the Company and working at least 25 hours per week.
- (2) Stock Appreciation Right, granted pursuant to the 2002 Equity Compensation Plan, which vests 1,387 shares on 7/18/09, 6,945 on each of 8/18/09, 9/18/09, 10/18/09, 11/18/09, and 833 on 12/18/09, in each case provided Mr. Whitney is either the Chief Financial Officer or employed by the Company and working at least 25 hours per week.
- (3) Stock Appreciation Right, granted pursuant to the 2002 Equity Compensation Plan, which vests 6,112 on 12/18/09, and 6,944 on each of 01/18/10 and 02/18/10 in each case provided Mr. Whitney is either the Chief Financial Officer or employed by the Company and working at least 25 hours per week.

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