

SPANEL BRIAN G

Form 4

April 28, 2005

FORM 4
UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
SPANEL BRIAN G

(Last) (First) (Middle)

7711 CARONDELET
AVENUE, SUITE 800

(Street)

ST. LOUIS, MO 63105

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
CENTENE CORP [CNC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
04/27/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)

Senior Vice President and CIO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 04/27/2005 | | M | | 71,000 | A | \$ 0.94 |
| Common Stock | 04/27/2005 | | M | | 6,000 | A | \$ 0.45 |
| Common Stock | 04/27/2005 | | M | | 6,000 | A | \$ 7.57 |

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 (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|-----|---|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Common Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 0.94 | 04/27/2005 | | M | | 71,000 | | 12/17/2001 | 12/17/2006 | Common Stock | 71,000 |
| Common Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 0.45 | 04/27/2005 | | M | | 6,000 | | 10/20/2004 | 10/20/2010 | Common Stock | 6,000 |
| Common Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 7.57 | 04/27/2005 | | M | | 6,000 | | 07/24/2004 | 07/24/2012 | Common Stock | 6,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |
|--|----------------------------------|
| | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| SPANEL BRIAN G 7711 CARONDELET AVENUE SUITE 800 ST. LOUIS, MO 63105 | Senior Vice President and CIO |

Signatures

/s/ Brian G.
Spanel

04/28/2005

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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