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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Last)

(City)

Common

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Thompson Tommy G

> (First) (Middle)

7711 CARONDELET

(Street)

(State)

04/26/2005

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

CENTENE CORP [CNC] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 04/26/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(D) or

D

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

SAINT LOUIS, MO 63105

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(Zip)

(Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

(A)

Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

5. Amount of

Securities

Beneficially

Code V Amount (D) Price 2,581

2,581

Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of

Beneficial

Form: Direct Indirect

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)

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1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transact	5. ionNumber	6. Date Exer Expiration D		7. Titl Amou		8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day	/Year)	Under	lying	Security	Secui
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivativ	ve .		Securi	ities	(Instr. 5)	Bene
	Derivative				Securitie	S		(Instr.	3 and 4)		Owne
	Security				Acquired	l					Follo
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					Disposed	l					Trans
					of (D)						(Instr
					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
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				Code v	(A) (D)	Exercisable	Date	Title	or		
						Exercisable	Date		Number		
									of		
									Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Thompson Tommy G 7711 CARONDELET	X						
SAINT LOUIS, MO 63105							

Signatures

/s/ Michael F. Neidorff (executed by attorney-in-fact)

**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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