

NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CORP

Form 4

May 19, 2008

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

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See Instruction  
1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
LAROCHE RICHARD F JR

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CORP  
[NHC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2103 SHANNON DRIVE

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/15/2008

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

MURFREESBORO, TN 37129

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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<br>(Instr. 3)                           | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired<br>(A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                              |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V                                                                       | Amount<br>(1)                                                                                                      | D                                                                       | Price                                                             |
| Common Stock,<br>held in trust,<br>subject to life<br>estate |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                         | 29,523                                                                                                             | I                                                                       | Remainder<br>in GRAT                                              |
| Common Stock<br>- IRA                                        |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                         | 1,038                                                                                                              | D                                                                       |                                                                   |
| Common Stock<br>- Held in my<br>name or my<br>wife's name    | 05/15/2008                              |                                                             | S                                    |                                                                         | 15,000                                                                                                             | D                                                                       | \$ 50.62                                                          |
|                                                              |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                         | 2,000                                                                                                              | D                                                                       |                                                                   |
|                                                              |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                         | 276,152                                                                                                            | D                                                                       |                                                                   |

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| Common Stock<br>- Partnership                                            |         |   |  |                                    |
| Common Stock<br>- Family<br>Partnership                                  | 23,638  | I |  | Family<br>Partnership              |
| Common Stock<br>- Family<br>Foundation                                   | 8,635   | I |  | Trustee of<br>Family<br>Foundation |
| Shares of Series<br>A Conv.<br>Preferred Stock<br>by Trustee of<br>GRAT  | 31,523  | I |  | Remain. in<br>GRAT                 |
| Shares of Series<br>A Conv.<br>Preferred Stock<br>- IRA                  | 1,921   | D |  |                                    |
| Shares of Series<br>A Conv.<br>Preferred Stock<br>- LaRoche<br>Family LP | 3,938   | I |  | Family<br>Partnership              |
| Shares of Series<br>A Conv.<br>Preferred<br>Stock-LaRoche<br>Enterprises | 330,202 | D |  |                                    |
| Shares of Series<br>A Conv.<br>Preferred<br>Stock-Family<br>Foundation   | 10,480  | I |  | Trustee of<br>Family<br>Foundation |

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5.<br>Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Pr<br>Deri<br>Secu<br>(Inst |
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## Reporting Owners

## Signatures

05/19/2008

Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Explanation of Responses:

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

## Reporting Owners

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