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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 Amoun Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)	
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Sh
Warrants	Â	12/07/2009	Â	A4 (1)	Â	8,768	11/16/2012	11/16/2017	Common Stock	8,7
Warrants	\$ 2.5 (4)	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	11/07/2006	12/08/2014(4)	Common Stock	4,0
Warrants	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(2)	11/16/2017	Common Stock	35,0
Options	\$ 2.5	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	06/01/2005	06/01/2010	Common Stock	8,0
Options	\$ 1.5	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	05/09/2007	05/09/2012	Common Stock	1,4
Options	\$ 1.5	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	05/09/2008	05/09/2013	Common Stock	1,4
Options	\$ 1.5	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	05/09/2009	05/09/2014	Common Stock	1,4
Options	\$ 1.5	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	05/09/2010	05/09/2015	Common Stock	1,4
Options	\$ 1.5	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	05/09/2011	05/09/2016	Common Stock	1,4

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Othe		
Sturtz Laurence E 3421 POINTE CREEK COURT APT# 106 BONITA SPRINGS Â FLÂ 34134	ÂX	Â	Â	Â		

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Carol Groeber by power of attorney

02/17/2010

**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).
- On August 15, 2008 the shareholders approved an incentive plan which granted warrants to certain officers and directors. The warrants vested over a five year period. On December 7, 2009 the shareholders approved an amendment to the incentive plan to eliminate 218,461 warrants. The amendment further called for 218,461 shares of the Company's common stock with a one year restriction on transfer to be issued.
- (2) The exercise price of the warrants vested in 2008 was \$1.21 per share, those vested in 2009 was \$2.25, those vested in 2010 was \$3.00 and those vesting in 2011 is \$4.00 per share.
- (3) The exercise price of the warrants was based upon the average closing price of the Company's common stock on NYSE-Amex during January 2011 but not less than \$3.00.
- On December 21, 2009 the warrant holders voted to amend the warrant agreement to decrease the exercise price from \$5.40 to \$2.50 and to extend the expiration date to 12/8/2014 the fifth anniversary date of the Company's private offering.
- (5) Shares were purchased throughout 2009 at various prices by particiation in the AdCare Health Systems Employee Stock Purchase Program.

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