

LAROCHE RICHARD F JR  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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(Print or Type Responses)

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)  
 05/14/2010

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)

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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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock, held in trust, subject to life estate					29,523	I	Remainder in GRAT
Common Stock - IRA					1,038	D	
Common Stock - Held in my name or my wife's name					37,000	D	
					255,152	D	

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Common Stock - Partnership									
Common Stock - Family Partnership						23,638	I		Family Partnership
Common Stock - Family Foundation						8,635	I		Trustee of Family Foundation
Shares of Series A Conv. Preferred Stock by Trustee of GRAT						31,523	I		Remain. in GRAT
Shares of Series A Conv. Preferred Stock - IRA						1,921	D		
Shares of Series A Conv. Preferred Stock - LaRoche Family LP	05/14/2010	P	40,000	A	\$ 12.5	52,113	I		Family Partnership
Shares of Series A Conv. Preferred Stock-LaRoche Enterprises	05/14/2010	P	48,000	A	\$ 12.5	378,202	D		
Shares of Series A Conv. Preferred Stock-Family Foundation						10,480	I		Trustee of Family Foundation
Shares of Series A Conv. Preferred Stock - Bushy Forest LP	05/14/2010	P	49,921	A	\$ 12.5	49,921	I		Family Partnership

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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