CENTENE CORP Form 4 April 28, 2016

FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * GEPHARDT Richard A			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
			CENTENE CORP [CNC]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction			
			(Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner		
7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD			04/26/2016	Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
ST. LOUIS, MO 63105			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Ac	quired. Disposed of, or Beneficially Owner		

(City)	(State)	Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative Se	ecurit	ies Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securitie	es Acc	quired	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	on(A) or Disp	posed	of (D)	Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(Instr. 3, 4	and 5	<u>(</u>)	Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)				Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership
							Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
					(A)		Reported		
					(A)		Transaction(s)		
			Code V		or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	04/26/2016		A	3,350	Α	\$ 62.86	56,304.544 (1)	D	

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)		4. Transactio	5. orNumber	6. Date Exercisal Expiration Date		7. Title and Amount of	8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month Day/ Teal)	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Yea e	ar)	Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Security (Instr. 5)	Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Ex Exercisable Da	•	Title Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
GEPHARDT Richard A 7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD ST. LOUIS, MO 63105	X						

Signatures

/s/ Jeffrey A. Schwaneke (executed by attorney-in-fact)

04/28/2016

**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).
- Ownership includes 3,350 shares of restricted stock vesting on the date of the April 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, subject to meeting Board of Director meeting attendance conditions.

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