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(Print or Type	Responses)										
WIEDERHOLD RICHARD P S			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol CENTENE CORP [CNC]				ıg	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First) (M		3. Date of Earliest Transaction								
7711 CARONDELET AVENUE, SUITE 800			(Month/Day/Year) 03/15/2005					Officer (give titleOther (specify below) below)			
				Amendment, Date Original (Month/Day/Year)				<ol> <li>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</li> <li>_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person</li> </ol>			
ST. LOUIS, MO 63105 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person											
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Non-I	Derivative S	Securi	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of,	, or Beneficiall	y Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution any	ecution Date, if Transactior(A) or Dis y Code (Instr. 3, 4 lonth/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)			(A) or		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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	03/15/2005			Code V S	Amount 30,100 (1)	(D) D	Price \$ 31.03	111,734	D		
Common Stock	03/16/2005			S	9,900 (1)	D	\$ 30.23	101,834	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)

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	Secur	unt of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

## **Reporting Owners**

<b>Reporting Owner Name / Address</b>		Relationships						
i o	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
WIEDERHOLD RICHARD P 7711 CARONDELET AVENUE SUITE 800 ST. LOUIS, MO 63105	X							
Signatures								
/s/ Richard P. O	03/16/2005							
<u>**</u> 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).

(1) Sale pursuant to a trading plan established under a 10b5-1 Plan dated December 9, 2004.

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