

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] Abbott William W		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ROTECH HEALTHCARE INC [ROHL.PK]		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) ____ Director _____ 10% Owner ____ Officer (give title below) _____X____ Other (specify below) Former Director (2)	
(Last)		(Middle)			
c/o Rotech Healthcare Inc., 2600 Technology Drive, Suite 300		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/24/2005			
(Street)					
Orlando, FL 32804		4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)			
(City)		(Zip)			

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	08/24/2005		S	4,000 (1)	0	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. 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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships		
	Director	10% Owner	Officer Other
Abbott William W c/o Rotech Healthcare Inc. 2600 Technology Drive, Suite 300 Orlando, FL 32804			Former Director (2)

Signatures

/s/ William W. Abbott 08/29/2005

**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) 4,000 shares of common stock of Rotech Healthcare Inc. (the "Company") granted under the Rotech Healthcare Inc. Nonemployee Director Restricted Stock Plan. The transfer restrictions applicable to such shares lapsed on August 24, 2005.

Remarks:

(2) Mr. Abbott retired as a member of the Company's Board of Directors effective as of August 24, 2005.

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