

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

() Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16.

Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instructions 1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person

ELKINS, RONALD C.
1611 Westminster Place
Oklahoma City, OK 73120
USA

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

CryoLife, Inc.
CRYL

3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)

4. Statement for Month/Year

February 1997

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)

6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)

(X) Director () 10% Owner () Officer (give title below) () Other
(specify below)

7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)

(X) Form filed by One Reporting Person
() Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security	2. Transaction Date	3. Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month Price	6. Dir (D) or Indir (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Common Stock	2/4/97	M	2,000	\$3.625 12,200	D	

Table II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	3. Transaction Date	4. Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Price of Derivative Security	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	10. Dir (D) or Indir (I)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Option	\$3.625	2/4/97	M	2,000	(1) 05/05/97	Common Stock 2,000	N/A	19,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:
(1) Option vests and becomes exercisable in two equal annual installments of 50% (12,500 shares) each on the first and second anniversary date of the Grant Date (May 5, 1996 and May 5, 1997).

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
Ronald C. Elkins
DATE
March 7, 1997