

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

FORM 5

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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

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

() Form 3 Holdings Reported

() Form 4 Transactions Reported

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.
 CRY

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

4. Statement for Month/Year

December 1998

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 Reporting (Check Applicable Line)

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

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 Year Price	6. Director or Beneficially Owned at End of Year	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership Indirect (I)

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	3. Date	4. Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities Title and Number of Shares	8. Price of Derivative Security	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Year	10. Director or Beneficially Owned at End of Year	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership Indirect (I)
Option	12.0625	12/15/98	A	8,500	12/15/98 - 12/15/03	Common Stock	8,500	N/A	8,500	D

Explanation of Responses:

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

Ronald C. Elkins

DATE

February 10, 1999