U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

		Section	30(I) OI t	ne inves	stment Comp	pany Act of	1940					
[]			nger subj Instructio		Section 16.	. Form 4 o	r Form 5	obligations				
1.	Name and	 Address o	f Reportin	g Persor	 l*							
	FERREND			BRI	IAN							
	(Last)			(Fi	 rst)	(M:	iddle)					
	1600 Wes	t Merit Pa	rkway									
				(Stre	 et)							
	South Jo			U	c 	8	4095 					
	(City)			(Sta	ate)		(Zip)					
2.	Issuer N	ame and Ti	cker or Tr	ading Sy	/mbol							
	Merit Me	dical Syst	ems, Inc.	(MMS	[)							
3.	IRS Iden	tification	Number of	Report	ing Person,	, if an En	tity (Vol	untary)				
4.	Statement for Month/Year											
	February	13, 2003										
5.	If Amend	ment, Date	of Origin	al (Mont	:h/Year)							
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6.	Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer (Check all applicable)											
	[] Director [] 10% Owner [X] Officer (give title below) [] Other (specify below) Vice President of Sales											
7.	Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line)											
			y one Repo y more tha		Person eporting Pe	erson						
	Table I		Securities Acqui eficially Owned	red, Dispose	ed of,							
1. Title (Instr	of Security	2. Transaction Date (mm/dd/yy)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) Code V	Disposed of (Instr. 3,	4 and 5) A) Price	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)				

Common Stock

No Par Value			
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 $^{^\}star$ — If the form is filed by more than one Reporting Person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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)	Secur- ity	(Month Day/ Year)	Trans- action /Code (Instr. Code	V	Deri Secu Acqu or D of ((Ins 4 an	er of vative rities ired (A) isposed D) tr. 3, d 5)	Expiration (Month/Donate Exer-cisable	ole and on Date ay/Year) Expira- tion Date	Title	lying es 3 and 4) Amount or Number of Shares	of Deriv- ative Secur- ity (Instr. 5)	Owned at End of Year (Instr. 4)	4)	Bene- ficial Owner -ship (Instr. 4)
Non-qualifie stock option (Right to Bu	d \$3.68 is	N/A					09/30/99 (7)	03/31/04	Common Stock			3,125	D	
Non-qualifie stock option (Right to Bu	ıy)						(2)	02/12/11	Stock			18,751	D	
Non-qualifie stock option (Right to Bu	ıs ıy)						12/08/02		Stock			18,750	D	
Non-qualifie stock option (Right to Bu	ıy)						(4)	05/23/12	Stock			10,000		
Non-qualifie stock option (Right to Bu	d \$17.32					0						15,000		

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Represent plan holdings as of 12/31/02 based upon most recent plan statement timely distributed
- (2) Become exercisable in equal annual installments of 20% commencing 02/12/02
- (3) Become exercisable in equal annual installments of 20% commencing 12/08/02
- (4) Become exercisable in equal annual installments of 20% commencing 05/23/03
- (5) Become exercisable in equal annual installments of 20% commencing 02/06/04

(7) Become exercisable in equal annual installments of 20% commencing 09/30/99

/s/ KENT W. STANGER

02/14/03

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person Kent W. Stanger as Attorney-in-Fact pursuant to a Power of Attorney dated August 10, 1992, a manually signed copy of which is on file with the Commission and is incorporated herein

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 $\ensuremath{^{\star\star}}$ Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.

See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Note: File three copies of this form, one of which must be manually signed. If space provided is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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