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

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. 7)*

Merit Medical Systems, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, No Par Value

(Title of Class of Securities)

589889-10-4

(CUSIP Number)

*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
S.S. or I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Fred P. Lampropoulos

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

(a)
(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

United States

5 SOLE VOTING POWER

574,898

NUMBER OF
SHARES
BENEFICIALLY
OWNED BY
EACH
REPORTING
PERSON
WITH

6 SHARED VOTING POWER

None

7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

574,898

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

None

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

574,898

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

7.8%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

IN

*SEE INSTRUCTION BEFORE FILLING OUT!

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Item 1.

- (a) Name of Issuer: Merit Medical Systems, Inc.
- (b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices: 1600 West Merit Parkway, South Jordan, Utah 84095

Item 2.

- (a) Name of Person Filing: Fred P. Lampropoulos (the "Reporting Person")
- (b) Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence: 1600 West Merit Parkway, South Jordan, Utah 84095
- (c) Citizenship: United States
- (d) Title of Class of Securities: Common Stock, no par value (the "Common Stock")
- (e) CUSIP Number: 589889-10-4

Item 3.

This statement is not filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b) or 13d-2(b).

Item 4. Ownership

- (a) Amount Beneficially Owned: As of December 31, 1997 the Reporting Person was the owner of 574,898 shares of the Common Stock, which included 10,821 shares owned by the Reporting Person pursuant to the Issuer's 401(k) Plan, based upon the most recent plan statement timely distributed, and 36,500 shares that the Reporting Person had the right to acquire pursuant to currently exercisable options.
- (b) Percent of Class: 7.8%
- (c) Number of shares as to which the Reporting Person has:
 - (i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote: 574,898
 - (ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote: None
 - (iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 574,898
 - (iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: None

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Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class

This statement is not being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the Reporting Person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities.

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person

Not applicable.

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company

Not applicable.

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group

Not applicable.

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group

Not applicable.

Item 10. Certification

Not applicable.

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

DATED: February 13, 1998

FRED P. LAMPROPOULOS

By /s/ KENT W. STANGER

Kent W. Stanger, Attorney-in-Fact,
pursuant to a Power of Attorney
dated February 8, 1996, a manually
signed copy of which is filed
herewith and incorporated herein by
this reference

MERIT MEDICAL SYSTEMS, INC.

POWER OF ATTORNEY

For Executing Schedule 13G and Schedule 13D

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints Kent W. Stanger his true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

- (1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned Schedules 13G and 13D (including any amendments thereto) which may be required to be filed in accordance with Sections 13(d) and 13(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder as a result of the undersigned's ownership of or transactions in securities of Merit Medical Systems, Inc.;
- (2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete the execution of any such Schedule 13G or 13D and the timely filing of such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any other authority; and
- (3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in his discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary and proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or his substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorney-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, is not assuming any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 13 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Photographic copies of this Power of Attorney shall have the same force and effect as the original.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 8th day of February, 1996.

/s/ FRED P. LAMPROPOULOS

Signature

Fred P. Lampropoulos

Print Name