

FORM 5

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Form 3 Holdings Reported.

Form 4 Transactions Reported.

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* STANGER KENT W _____ (Last) (First) (Middle) 1600 W MERIT PARKWAY _____ (Street) SOUTH JORDAN UT 84095 _____ (City) (State) (Zip)			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MERIT MEDICAL SYSTEMS INC [MMSI]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Chief Financial Officer		
			3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2008					
			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 (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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock, No Par Value							55,248	I	By 401(k) plan ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock, No Par Value							148,041	I	Family Limited Partnership
Common Stock, No Par Value							3,416 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock, No Par Value	12/31/2008		G	1,355	D	(8)	417,275	D	

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (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: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
Non-qualified stock options (right to buy)	\$2.07						02/12/2002 ⁽³⁾	02/12/2011	Common Stock	55,556	55,556	D	
Non-qualified stock options (right to buy)	\$2.85						05/23/2001	05/23/2011	Common Stock	27,777	27,777	D	
Non-qualified stock options (right to buy)	\$7.61						12/08/2002 ⁽⁴⁾	12/08/2011	Common Stock	44,444	44,444	D	

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					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Non-qualified stock options (right to buy)	\$9.56						05/23/2002	05/23/2012	Common Stock	17,777		17,777	D	
Non-qualified stock options (right to buy)	\$9.74						02/06/2004 ⁽⁵⁾	02/06/2013	Common Stock	35,556		35,556	D	
Non-qualified stock options (right to buy)	\$10.47						05/22/2003	05/22/2013	Common Stock	26,667		26,667	D	
Non-qualified stock options (right to buy)	\$21.67						12/13/2003	12/13/2013	Common Stock	15,000		15,000	D	
Non-qualified stock options (right to buy)	\$21.67						12/13/2004	12/13/2013	Common Stock	14,000		14,000	D	
Non-qualified stock options (right to buy)	\$13.81						06/10/2004	06/10/2014	Common Stock	6,000		6,000	D	
Non-qualified stock options (right to buy)	\$13.81						06/10/2004	06/10/2014	Common Stock	15,000		15,000	D	
Non-qualified stock options (right to buy)	\$15.03						12/18/2004	12/18/2014	Common Stock	20,000		20,000	D	
Non-qualified stock options (right to buy)	\$14.26						05/25/2005	05/25/2015	Common Stock	15,000		15,000	D	
Non-qualified stock options (right to buy)	\$12.14						12/28/2005	12/28/2015	Common Stock	20,000		20,000	D	
Non-qualified stock options (right to buy)	\$11.52						05/25/2007 ⁽⁶⁾	05/25/2013	Common Stock	15,000		15,000	D	

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Non-qualified stock options (right to buy)	\$12.13						06/27/2008 ⁽⁷⁾	06/27/2014	Common Stock	20,000		20,000	D	
Non-qualified stock options (right to buy)	\$12.13						06/27/2008 ⁽⁷⁾	06/27/2014	Common Stock	15,000		15,000	D	
Non-qualified stock options (right to buy)	\$14.41						05/21/2009 ⁽⁹⁾	05/21/2015	Common Stock	35,000		35,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Represents plan holdings as of 12/31/08.
2. Employee stock purchase plan as of 12/31/05.
3. Becomes exercisable in equal annual installments of 20% commencing 02/12/02.
4. Becomes exercisable in equal annual installments of 20% commencing 12/08/02.
5. Becomes exercisable in equal annual installments of 20% commencing 02/06/04.
6. Becomes exercisable in equal annual installments of 33.33% commencing 05/25/07.
7. Becomes exercisable in equal annual installments of 20% commencing 06/27/08.
8. This is a gift.
9. Becomes exercisable in equal annual installments of 20% commencing 05/21/09.

Kent W. Stanger

01/21/2009

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* 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).

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