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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

[] Check box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations
 may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*

STANGER	KENT	W.
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)
1600 West Merit Parkway		
	(Street)	
South Jordan	UT	84095
(City)	(State)	(Zip)
Merit Medical Systems, Inc. (MMSI)		

 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

 3. IRS Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an Entity (Voluntary)

December 12, 2002

 4. Statement for Month/Year

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

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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Chief Financial Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)

 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing
 (Check applicable line)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by one Reporting Person
<input type="checkbox"/> 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 (mm/dd/yy)	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. Owner- ship Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr.4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Amount	or Price (D)			
Common Stock, No Par Value	12/11/02	G	175	D		D	
Common Stock, No Par Value	12/12/02	G	230	D		D	

Common Stock, No Par Value		385,808		
Common Stock, No Par Value	N/A	26,078	I	401(K) Plan(1)
Common Stock, No Par Value	N/A	1,923	D	Employee stock purchase plan
Common Stock, No Par Value	N/A	2,906	I	By trust (deferred comp plan)

Explanation of responses:

(1) Represent plan holdings as of 10/28/02

* 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.

/s/ Kent W. Stanger

12/13/2002

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

** 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.