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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\*

Lampropoulos	Fred	P.
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)
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1600 West Merit Parkway		
	(Street)	
South Jordan	UT	84095
(City)	(State)	(Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Merit Medical Systems, Inc. MMSI

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

4. Statement for Month/Year

December 19, 2002

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

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

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

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

Form filed by one Reporting Person  
 Form filed by more than one Reporting Person

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Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of,  
or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date T(mm/dd/yy)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) Code V	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Amount (A)or(D) Price		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Owner- ship Form: Direct (D)or Indirect (I) (Instr.4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr.4)
COMMON STOCK NO PAR VALUE	12/18/02	G	3,000	D		D	
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COMMON STOCK NO PAR VALUE					630,358		
COMMON STOCK NO PAR VALUE					20,433(1)		By 401(k) Plan (1)

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\* 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/ Fred P. Lampropoulos

December 19, 2002

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\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

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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.