## FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1	ess of Reporting Pers		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MERIT MEDICAL SYSTEMS INC	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
LAMPROPOULOS FRED P			MMSI]	X	Director	Х	10% Owner		
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1600 W MARIT PARKWAY		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/12/2003	X	Officer (give title below) President, C		Other (specify below)		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv Line)	vidual or Joint/Group	Filing	(Check Applicable		
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#### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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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 Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(1150.4)	(Instr. 4)
Common Stock, no par value	12/12/2003	12/12/2003	G		2,120	D	(2)	872,439(5)	D	
Common Stock, no par value	12/12/2003	12/12/2003	G		490	D	(2)	871,949(5)	D	
Common Stock, no par value	12/12/2003	12/12/2003	G		480	D	(2)	871,469 <sup>(5)</sup>	D	
Common Stock, no par value	12/12/2003	12/12/2003	G		2,300	D	(2)	869,169(5)	D	
Common Stock, no par value	08/08/1988	08/08/1988	М		54,717	A	(1)	54,717(5)	Ι	by 401(k) Plan <sup>(1)</sup>

	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. Transact Code (In 8)		n of		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		e Amount of		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	derivative erivative Securities curity Beneficially		11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Nonqualified Stock Options (right to buy)	\$2.07 <sup>(5)</sup>	08/08/1988	08/08/1988	М		55,556		09/30/1999 <sup>(6)</sup>	03/31/2004	Common Stock	55,556	\$2.07	55,556 <sup>(5)</sup>	D	
Nonqualified Stock Options (right to buy)	\$2.12 <sup>(5)</sup>	08/08/1988	08/08/1988	М		20,833		05/26/1999	05/26/2004	Common Stock	20,833	\$2.12	20,833 <sup>(5)</sup>	D	
Nonqualified Stock Options (right to buy)	\$1.62 <sup>(5)</sup>	08/08/1988	08/08/1988	М		20,833		05/24/2000	05/24/2005	Common Stock	20,833	\$1.62	20,833 <sup>(5)</sup>	D	
Nonqualified Stock Options (right to buy)	\$1.62 <sup>(5)</sup>	08/08/1988	08/08/1988	М		11,111		01/24/2001	05/24/2005	Common Stock	11,111	\$1.62	11,111 <sup>(5)</sup>	D	

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				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares						
Nonqualified Stock Options (right to buy)	\$2.07 <sup>(5)</sup>	08/08/1988	08/08/1988	М		11,111		02/12/2002 <sup>(3)</sup>	02/12/2011	Common Stock	11,111	\$2.07	11,111 <sup>(5)</sup>	D			
Nonqualified Stock Options (right to buy)	\$2.85 <sup>(5)</sup>	08/08/1988	08/08/1988	М		27,777		05/23/2001	05/23/2011	Common Stock	27,777	\$2.85	27,777 <sup>(5)</sup>	D			
Nonqualified Stock Options (right to buy)	\$7.62 <sup>(5)</sup>	08/08/1988	08/08/1988	М		88,889		12/08/2002 <sup>(4)</sup>	12/08/2011	Common Stock	88,889	\$7.62	88,889 <sup>(5)</sup>	D			
Nonqualified Stock Options (right to buy)	\$9.56 <sup>(5)</sup>	08/08/1988	08/08/1988	М		17,777		05/23/2002	05/23/2012	Common Stock	17,777	\$9.56	17,777 <sup>(5)</sup>	D			
Nonqualified Stock Options (right to buy)	\$9.74 <sup>(5)</sup>	08/08/1988	08/08/1988	М		71,111		02/06/2004 <sup>(7)</sup>	02/06/2013	Common Stock	71,111	\$9.74	71,111 <sup>(5)</sup>	D			
Nonqualified Stock Options (right to buy)	\$10.47 <sup>(5)</sup>	08/08/1988	08/08/1988	М		26,667		05/22/2003	05/22/2013	Common Stock	26,667	\$10.47	26,667 <sup>(5)</sup>	D			

#### Explanation of Responses:

1. Represent plan holdings as of 8/22/03 per most recent plan statement timely distributed.

2. Gift

3. Become exercisable in equal annual installments of 20% commencing 02/12/02

4. Become exercisable in equal annual installments of 20% commencing 12/08/02

5. Numbers reflect stock split (4 for 3) forward split effective 12/03/03.

6. Become exercisable in equal annual installments of 20% commencing 09/30/99

7. Become exercisable in equal annual installments of 20% commencing 02/06/04

Fred P. Lampropoulos

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

12/12/2003

Date

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