U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 5/A 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 Compa | any Act of 1940 |
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| [] | Check box if no longer su may continue. See Instruct | _ | Form 4 or Form 5 obligations |
| 1. | Name and Address of Reportin | g Person* | |
| | STANGER | KENT | W. |
| | (Last) (First) (Middle) | | |
| | 1600 West Merit Parkway | | |
| | South Jordan | (Street) 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, is | f an Entity (Voluntary) |
| 4. | Statement for Month/Year | | |
| | December 31, 2002 | | |
| 5. | If Amendment, Date of Origin | nal (Month/Year) | |
| | December 31, 2002 | | |
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| 6. | Relationship of Reporting (Check all applicable) | Person to Issuer | |
| | [X] Director [] 10% Ow (specify below) Chief Financ | | give title below) [] Other |
| 7. | Individual or Joint/Group | Filing (Check applica | able line) |
| | [X] Form filed by one Re Reporting Person | eporting Person []] | Form filed by more than one |
| | Table I Non-Derivative Securities A or Beneficially Own | | 5. 6. Amount of Owner- Securities ship Beneficially Form: 7. |

Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)
(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Price

Amount or (D)

D

Direct (D) or Indirect

(I) (Instr.4)

D

Owned at End of Issuer's

Fiscal Year

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Nature of Indirect Beneficial

Ownership (Instr. 4)

Common Stock No Par Value 12/31/02 70,000

Transaction

Date (mm/dd/yy)

Title of Security (Instr. 3)

Transaction

Code (Instr. 8) Code V

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|------------------------------|-----|------|------------|---|---------------------------------|
| Common Stock No Par Value | | | | | |
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| Common Stock No Par Value | | | 225,672(6) | D | |
| Common Stock No Par Value | | | 85,173 | | Family limited partnership |
| Common Stock | N/A | | 26,078 | I | 401 (k |
| Common Stock No Par Value | | | 1,923 | | Emp stock pur- chase Plan(2) |

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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) | Secur- ity | Date (Month Day/ Year) | Trans- action /Code (Instr Code | . 8 V | Deri Secu Acqu or D of ((Ins 4 an | isposed D) tr. 3, d 5) | Exercisa Expirati (Month/D Date Exer- cisable | on Date ay/Year) Expira- tion Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | of Deriv- ative Secur- ity (Instr. 5) | Year (Instr. 4) | ative Secur- ity: Direct (D) or In- direct (I) (Instr. 4) | -ship (Instr. 4) |
|--|-----------------------|---------------------------------|---|----------|--|---------------------------------|--|--|-----------------|--|---|-----------------------|--|------------------------|
| Non-qualified stock option (Right to Bu | d \$3.68 s y) | N/A | | | | | 09/30/99 (7) | 03/31/04 | | | | 15,625 | D | |
| Non-qualified stock option (Right to Bu | d \$3.76 s y) | N/A | | | | | 05/26/99 | | Stock | | | 11,719 | D | |
| Non-qualifier stock option (Right to Bu | d \$4.1997 s y) | N/A | | | | | 04/23/00 (8) | 10/23/04 | Common Stock | | | 13,673 | D | |
| Non-qualified stock option (Right to Bu | d \$2.88 s y) | N/A | | | | | 05/24/00 | | | | | 11,719 | D | |
| Non-qualifier stock option (Right to Bu | d \$2.88 s y) | N/A | | | | | 01/24/01 | | Stock | | | 31,250 | D | |
| Non-qualified stock option (Right to Bu | d \$3.68 s y) | N/A | | | | | 02/12/02 (9) | 02/12/11 | Common Stock | | | 31,250 | D | |
| Non-qualified stock option (Right to Bu | d \$5.0624 s y) | N/A | | | | | 05/23/01 | 05/23/11 | | | | 15,625 | D | |
| Non-qualified stock options (Right to Bu | d \$13.528 s y) | N/A | | | | | 12/08/02 (5) | 12/08/11 | Stock | | | 25,000 | D | |
| Non-qualified stock option: (Right to Bu | d \$16.99 s y) | N/A | | | | | 05/23/02 | 05/23/12 | Common Stock | | | 10,000 | | |

- (1) Represents plan holdings as of 10/28/02
- (5) Becomes exercisable in equal installments of 20% commencing 12/08/02
- (6) This amendment is being filed to correct an inadvertent error in the number of shares reported.
- (7) Becomes exercisable in equal installments of 20% commencing 09/30/99 (8) Becomes exercisable in equal installments of 20% commencing 04/23/00
- (9) Becomes exercisable in equal installments of 20% commencing 02/12/02

/s/ KENT W. STANGER 02/14/03 _____ **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).

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