

MERIT MEDICAL SYSTEMS INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Stephens Martin R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 MERIT MEDICAL SYSTEMS INC  
 [MMSI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/15/2004

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 VP of Sales

1600 W. MERIT PARKWAY

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

SOUTH JORDAN, UT 84095

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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)	(A) or (D)	5. Amount or Price	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock, No Par Value	12/15/2004		P	2,190	A	\$ 14.71	2,190	D	
Common Stock, No Par Value	12/15/2004		P	400	A	\$ 14.72	2,590	D	
Common Stock, No Par Value	12/15/2004		P	100	A	\$ 14.73	2,690	D	
Common Stock, No	12/15/2004		P	4,710	A	\$ 14.75	7,400	D	

Par Value

Common  
Stock, No  
Par Value

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By 401 (k)  
Plan (1)

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

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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)	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	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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-qualified stock options (right to buy)	\$ 14.48			Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable: 07/14/2005 <sup>(2)</sup> Expiration Date: 07/14/2009	Common Stock	5,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Stephens Martin R 1600 W. MERIT PARKWAY SOUTH JORDAN, UT 84095			VP of Sales	

## Signatures

Martin R. Stephens  
12/16/2004

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- (1) Represents shares held by the Merit Medical Systems, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust for the Benefit of the reporting person as of 12/06/04.
- (2) The option vests in equal annual installments of 1,000 shares, commencing on July 14, 2005 and continuing through July 14, 2009.

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