

STANGER KENT W  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
STANGER KENT W

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)  
1600 W MERIT PARKWAY  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/14/2012

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chief Financial Officer

SOUTH JORDAN, UT 84095

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(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)	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock, No Par Value				(A) Amount Price	76,164	I	By 401(k) plan <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock, No Par Value				(A) Amount Price	185,051	I	Family Limited Partnership
Common Stock, No Par Value				(A) Amount Price	4,271 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock, No	12/14/2012		M <sup>(9)</sup>	44,445 A \$ 7.79	633,087	D	

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Par Value								
Common Stock, No Par Value	12/14/2012	M <sup>(9)</sup>	33,334	A	\$ 8.38	666,421		D
Common Stock, No Par Value	12/14/2012	M <sup>(9)</sup>	18,750	A	\$ 9.22	685,171		D
Common Stock, No Par Value	12/14/2012	F <sup>(9)</sup>	71,604	D	\$ 13.27	613,567		D

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 (Instr. 8)	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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Non-qualified stock options (right to buy)	\$ 7.79	12/14/2012		M	44,445	02/06/2004 <sup>(3)</sup>	02/06/2013	Common Stock
Non-qualified stock options (right to buy)	\$ 8.38	12/14/2012		M	33,334	05/22/2003	05/22/2013	Common Stock
Non-qualified stock options (right to buy)	\$ 17.34					12/13/2003	12/13/2013	Common Stock
Non-qualified stock options (right to buy)	\$ 17.34					12/13/2004	12/13/2013	Common Stock
Non-qualified stock options (right to buy)	\$ 11.05					06/10/2004	06/10/2014	Common Stock

Non-qualified stock options (right to buy)	\$ 11.05					06/10/2004	06/10/2014	Common Stock
Non-qualified stock options (right to buy)	\$ 12.02					12/18/2004	12/18/2014	Common Stock
Non-qualified stock options (right to buy)	\$ 11.41					05/25/2005	05/25/2015	Common Stock
Non-qualified stock options (right to buy)	\$ 9.71					12/28/2005	12/28/2015	Common Stock
Non-qualified stock options (right to buy)	\$ 9.22	12/14/2012		M	18,750	05/25/2007 <sup>(4)</sup>	05/25/2013	Common Stock
Non-qualified stock options (right to buy)	\$ 9.7					06/27/2008 <sup>(5)</sup>	06/27/2014	Common Stock
Non-qualified stock options (right to buy)	\$ 9.7					06/27/2008	06/27/2014	Common Stock
Non-qualified stock options (right to buy)	\$ 11.53					05/21/2009 <sup>(6)</sup>	05/21/2015	Common Stock
Non-qualified stock options (right to buy)	\$ 13.82					09/26/2010 <sup>(7)</sup>	09/26/2016	Common Stock
Non-qualified stock options (right to buy)	\$ 13.75					08/11/2012 <sup>(8)</sup>	08/11/2018	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
STANGER KENT W 1600 W MERIT PARKWAY SOUTH JORDAN, UT 84095	X		Chief Financial Officer	

## Signatures

Gregory L. Barnett,  
Attorney-in-Fact

12/18/2012

\*\*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 plan holdings as of 12/11/2012.
- (2) Employee stock purchase plan holdings as of 05/02/2012.
- (3) Becomes exercisable in equal annual installments of 20% commencing 02/06/2004.
- (4) Becomes exercisable in equal annual installments of 33% commencing 05/25/2007.
- (5) Becomes exercisable in equal annual installments of 20% commencing 06/27/2008.
- (6) Becomes exercisable in equal annual installments of 20% commencing 05/21/2009.
- (7) Becomes exercisable in equal annual installments of 20% commencing 09/26/2010.
- (8) Becomes exercisable in equal annual installments of 20% commencing 08/11/2012.
- (9) Stock options were exercised in a swap transaction with the Company. 71,604 shares of common stock were surrendered for payroll taxes and payment of the option price. No shares were sold in the open market.

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