

STERIS CORP  
Form 8-K  
October 26, 2004

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) October 25, 2004**

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**STERIS Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Ohio**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**0-20165**  
(Commission File Number)

**34-1482024**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**5960 Heisley Road, Mentor, Ohio**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**44060-1834**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code (440) 354-2600**

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**Not Applicable**

**(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)**

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  - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**ITEM 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.**

On October 25, 2004, the Board of Directors of STERIS Corporation ( STERIS ) elected a new director, Michael B. Wood, M.D. The election of Dr. Wood increases the size of the Board from 9 to 10. Dr. Wood was appointed to serve on the Compliance Committee. Dr. Wood will stand for election at the 2005 annual meeting.

A press release announcing the election of Dr. Wood was issued on October 26, 2004. The full text of the press release is set forth in Exhibit 99.1 attached hereto and is incorporated in this Current Report as if fully set forth herein.

**ITEM 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

**(c) Exhibits**

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press release issued by STERIS on October 26, 2004 relating to the election of Dr. Michael B. Wood to the Board of Directors

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

STERIS CORPORATION

By: \_\_\_\_\_ /s/ Mark D. McGinley

**Mark D. McGinley**

**Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary**

Dated: October 26, 2004

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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