

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 \*  
**ELLIS JAMES J**

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)  
**12/12/2008**

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

**SOUTH JORDAN, UT 84095**  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	12/12/2008		M		17,777	A	\$ 9.56
					37,778		
Common Stock	12/12/2008		S		17,777	D	\$ 17.74
					20,001		

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)
Non-qualified stock options (right to buy)	\$ 9.56	12/12/2008		M	17,777	05/23/2002 05/23/2012	Common Stock
Nonqualified stock options (rights to buy)	\$ 10.47					05/22/2003 05/22/2013	Common Stock
Nonqualified stock options (rights to buy)	\$ 21.67					12/13/2003 12/13/2013	Common Stock
Nonqualified stock options (rights to buy)	\$ 13.81					06/10/2004 06/10/2014	Common Stock
Nonqualified stock options (rights to buy)	\$ 14.26					05/25/2005 05/25/2015	Common Stock
Nonqualified stock options (rights to buy)	\$ 11.52					05/25/2006 05/25/2013	Common Stock
Nonqualified stock options (rights to buy)	\$ 12.13					06/27/2008 <sup>(1)</sup> 06/27/2014	Common Stock
Nonqualified stock options (rights to buy)	\$ 14.41					05/21/2009 <sup>(2)</sup> 05/21/2015	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ELLIS JAMES J 1600 W. MERIT PARKWAY SOUTH JORDAN, UT 84095		X		

## Signatures

Greg L. Barnett, Attorney  
in Fact

12/16/2008

\_\_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) Becomes exercisable in equal annual installments of 20% commencing 6/27/08.

(2) Becomes exercisable in equal annual installments of 20% commencing 5/21/09.

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