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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CONMED CORP [CNMD]										Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issue (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner					
(Last)	,	,	(Middle)		3. Dat 05/19			st Tra	insaction (Month/Day/Year)								er (give title			(specify	
621 PATIO CIRCLE DRIVE						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)										Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicat Line)					
(Street)																	Form filed by One Reporting Person				
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(City)	(St	ate) (Zip)																		
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transacti Date (Month/Day)						Execution Date,				Code (In		4. Securities Acquired Disposed Of (D) (Instr. and 5)			Secur	icially d	6. Owne Form: D (D) or Indirect (Instr. 4)	irect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
						Code	v	Amou	nt (A) or)	Price	Repo Trans	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)								
Common Stock																	6,756	D			
	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. Dee Execution if any (Month/			ransaction ode (Instr.		Number E		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)			3. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
					Code	v	(A)		Date Exe	te ercisable	Exp Date	iration	Title	Amo or Num of Shar	ber						
Options to purchase common stock	\$25.35	05/19/2004			A		4,500		05/	/19/2005	05/1	19/2014	Common Stock	4,5	00	\$0	22,508		D		

Explanation of Responses:

/s/ William D. Matthews 05/19/2004

** Signature of Reporting Person Da

Date

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

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