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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**OMB APPROVAL**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Cohen Heather L</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>105 ARLINGTON ROAD</u> <hr/> (Street) <u>UTICA NY 13501</u> <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>06/02/2008</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CONMED CORP [CNMD]</u> <hr/> 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>VP-Corp HR & Deputy Gen. Couns</u> <hr/> 5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) <hr/> 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	2,570	D	
Common Stock	300	I	spouse

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Stock Options	03/07/2003	03/07/2012	Common Stock	4,000	22.25	D	
Stock Options	05/14/2003	05/14/2012	Common Stock	1,200	25.89	D	
Stock Options	05/20/2004	05/20/2013	Common Stock	4,000	17.74	D	
Stock Options	05/18/2005	05/18/2014	Common Stock	5,000	25.03	D	
Stock Options	05/17/2006	05/17/2015	Common Stock	5,000	31.4	D	
RSUs (Restricted Stock Units) ⁽¹⁾	05/16/2007 ⁽¹⁾	05/16/2016 ⁽¹⁾	Common Stock	600	(3)	D	
SARs (Stock Appreciation Rights) ⁽²⁾	05/16/2007 ⁽²⁾	05/16/2016 ⁽²⁾	Common Stock	2,500	19.93	D	
SARs (Stock Appreciation Rights) ⁽²⁾	05/17/2008 ⁽²⁾	05/17/2017 ⁽²⁾	Common Stock	2,500	29.92	D	
RSUs(Restricted Stock Units) ⁽¹⁾	05/17/2008 ⁽¹⁾	05/17/2017 ⁽¹⁾	Common Stock	800	(3)	D	
SARs (Stock Appreciation Rights) ⁽²⁾	06/01/2009 ⁽²⁾	06/01/2018 ⁽²⁾	Common Stock	2,500	26.69	D	
RSUs (Restricted Stock Units) ⁽¹⁾	06/01/2009 ⁽¹⁾	06/01/2018 ⁽¹⁾	Common Stock	1,000	(3)	D	
RSUs (Restricted Stock Units) ⁽¹⁾	06/02/2009 ⁽¹⁾	06/02/2018 ⁽¹⁾	Common Stock	3,000	(3)	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- Each restricted stock unit ("RSU") represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share of ConMed Corporation (the "Company") and will be subject to the terms and conditions of the Company's 2006 Stock Incentive Plan, with the RSUs vesting in equal amounts over a ten year period.
- The stock appreciation rights ("SARs") were granted under the Company's 2006 Stock Incentive Plan and generally vest in equal amounts over a five year period.
- The RSUs and SARs were granted at no cost to the Reporting Person

Heather L. Cohen06/04/2008

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (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).

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