

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <b>STOTTS JOHN J</b>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <b>57 CLINTONVIEW BOULEVARD #9</b>  (Street) <b>NEW HARTFORD NY 13413</b>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>CONMED CORP [ CNMD ]</b>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <b>VICE PRESIDENT</b>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <b>05/17/2005</b>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	05/16/2005		M		11,706	A	\$16.6667	38,707	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2005		M		7,504	A	\$20.5	45,211	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2005		S		1,500	D	\$31.95	44,711	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2005		S		600	D	\$31.96	44,111	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2005		S		500	D	\$31.97	43,611	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2005		S		200	D	\$31.99	43,411	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2005		S		3,724	D	\$32	39,687	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2005		S		1,889	D	\$32.01	37,798	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2005		S		2,176	D	\$32.02	35,622	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2005		S		804	D	\$32.03	34,818	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2005		S		1,500	D	\$32.04	33,318	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2005		S		1,912	D	\$32.05	31,406	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2005		S		300	D	\$32.08	31,106	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2005		S		1,700	D	\$32.11	29,406	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2005		S		305	D	\$32.12	29,101	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2005		S		100	D	\$32.13	29,001	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2005		S		1,100	D	\$32.14	27,901	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2005		S		800	D	\$32.15	27,101	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2005		S		100	D	\$32.17	27,001	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. 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 Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Options to purchase common stock	\$16.667	05/16/2005		M			11,706	12/27/1996	12/27/2005	Common Stock	11,706	\$0	85,532	D	
Options to purchase common stock	\$20.5	05/16/2005		M			7,504	05/21/1997	05/21/2006	Common Stock	7,504	\$0	78,028	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

/s/ John J. Stotts

05/17/2005

\*\* 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 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).

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