FORM 4

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

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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	nd Address o		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CONMED CORP [ CNMD ]												plicable)		Person(s) to Issuer						
(Last)	`	,	Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/19/2004											Officer (give title below)			Other (specify below)			
110 PROCTOR BOULEVARD							4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)										6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)						
(Street)														X Form filed by One Reporting Person									
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(City)	(Si	tate) (	Zip)																				
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																							
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transacti Date (Month/Day)						if a	ed Date, y/Yea	Code							S	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
						Code		v	Amou	nt (A) or (D)		Price	,   F	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		,		(					
Common	Stock													5	5,062		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/	on Date,	4. Transact Code (In 8)		Number E		Expiration	6. Date Exercisa Expiration Date (Month/Day/Yea			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)		r. 3	8. Prio of Deriva Secur (Instr.	ative ity	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownersh Form: Direct (D or Indire (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr.	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
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Options to purchase common stock	\$25.35	05/19/2004			A		4,500		05/19/20	05	05/1	9/2014	Commo Stock	4,5	500	\$0	)	9,000		D			

Explanation of Responses:

<u>/s/ Jo Ann Golden</u> <u>05/19/2004</u>

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

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