FORM 4

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

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     SHALLISH ROBERT D JR						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  CONMED CORP [ CNMD ]									Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)     Director 10% Owner						
(Last) 4375 OL	(F LYMPUS F		(Middle)	)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/23/2004								X	Offic belo	er (give title w)	(	Other (specify below)			
(Street) SYRACI (City)	SYRACUSE NY 13215							4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									ual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person 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/						Execution			3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 5)				Secur	icially d	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
									Code	v	Amoun	t (A)	or Pri	ce	Repo		(ou. +)		(msu. <del>1</del> )		
Common Stock 11/23/200							04		M		3,00	0 A	\$8	.2778	1	0,261	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		if any (Month/Day/Year)		4. Transact Code (In 8)			6. Date E Expiration (Month/I	n Dat		and 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		of De Sec (In:	Price rivative curity str. 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)		(D)	Date Exercisa		xpiration late	Title	Amou or Numb of Share	er							
Options to purchase common stock	\$8.2778	11/23/2004			M			3,000	05/23/19	96 0	5/23/2005	Commor Stock	3,00	0	\$0	144,301	I	)			

Explanation of Responses:

<u>/s/ Robert D. Shallish, Jr.</u> <u>11/23/2004</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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