

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15 (d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 29, 2012

**CONMED CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New York  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

0-16093  
(Commission  
File Number)

16-0977505  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

525 French Road  
Utica, New York 13502  
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(315) 797-8375  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligations of the registrant under any of the following provisions (See General Instruction A.2 below):

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£ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 8.01 Other Events**

On February 29, 2012, CONMED Corporation announced that its Board of Directors has adopted a cash dividend policy and declared an initial quarterly cash dividend of \$0.15 per share. The initial quarterly cash dividend will be paid on April 5, 2012 to all shareholders of record as of March 15, 2012. The Board expects that future cash dividends will be paid on a quarterly basis such that the total annual dividend rate based on the initial quarterly cash dividend will equal \$0.60 per share, which is equivalent to a dividend yield of approximately 2.0% based on the closing price of CONMED's stock as of February 29, 2012. Any decision to pay future cash dividends will, however, be subject to Board approval, and will depend on the Company's future earnings, cash flow, financial condition, financial covenants and other relevant factors.

**Signature**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

CONMED CORPORATION  
(Registrant)

By: Robert D. Shallish, Jr.  
Vice President – Finance and  
Chief Financial Officer

Date: February 29, 2012