

CONMED CORP  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**MATTHEWS WILLIAM**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

621 PATIO CIRCLE DRIVE

(Street)

ONEIDA, NY 13421

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**CONMED CORP [CNMD]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/19/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	05/19/2008		M	1,000 A \$ 0	5,500	D	

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title

RSUs (Restricted Stock Units) <sup>(1)</sup>		05/19/2008		M	1,000	05/18/2008 <sup>(1)</sup>	05/18/2017 <sup>(1)</sup>	Common Stock
SAR's (Stock Appreciation Rights) <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 30.04	05/18/2007		A	2,500	05/18/2008 <sup>(1)</sup>	05/18/2009 <sup>(1)</sup>	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MATTHEWS WILLIAM 621 PATIO CIRCLE DRIVE ONEIDA, NY 13421		X		

## Signatures

Heather L. Cohen for William D. Matthews by Power of Attorney 05/20/2008

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- (1) 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 2007 Non-Employee Director Equity Compensation Plan, with the RSUs generally vesting 20% per year over a five year period, with any unvested RSUs to vest and be delivered upon the Director's termination of service provided the Director has completed one full year of service since the date of the award. Mr. Matthews did not stand for reelection in 2008 but completed one full year of service since the date of the award so all RSUs have vested.
- (2) The stock appreciation rights ("SARs") were granted under the Company's 2007 Non-Employee Director Equity Compensation Plan, with the SARs generally vesting 20% per year over a five year period, with any unvested SARs to vest upon the Director's termination of service provided the Director has completed one full year of service since the date of the award in which case the SARs shall be exercisable at any time prior to the expiration date of the SAR or within one year after the date of such termination, whichever period is shorter. Mr. Matthews did not stand for reelection in 2008 but completed one full year of service since the date of the award so all SARs granted on 05/18/2007 have vested with an expiration date of 05/18/09.

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(3) The RSUs and SARs were granted at no cost to the Reporting Person.

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