

FINNEY ELISHA W  
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 \*  
FINNEY ELISHA W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
VARIAN MEDICAL SYSTEMS INC [VAR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/20/2011

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
SVP, Finance and CFO

C/O VARIAN MEDICAL SYSTEMS, 3100 HANSEN WAY, , MAIL STOP E-327

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

PALO ALTO, CA 94304-1030

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price                             |
| Common Stock                    | 12/20/2011                           |  | M                              |   | 5,000   | A  | \$ 37.17                          |
| Common Stock                    | 12/20/2011                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 5,000   | D  | \$ 64.95                          |
| Common Stock                    | 12/20/2011                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 1,000   | D  | \$ 64.95                          |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  |                                   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 22,126  | I  | By Trust                          |

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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)

| 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Non Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)  | \$ 37.17   | 12/20/2011                           |  | M                              | 5,000   | <sup>(2)</sup> 02/13/2016                                | Common Stock  | 5,000                         |

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director      10% Owner      Officer      Other

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SVP,  
Finance and  
CFO

## Signatures

/s/ Franco N. Palomba, Attorney in Fact for Elisha W. Finney

12/21/2011

\_\_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) This transaction is pursuant to the filer's SEC Rule 10b5-1 Stock Plan

(2)

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Stock option granted under the Varian Medical Systems, Inc. Second Amended and Restated 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan, which complies with Rule 16b-3. The option vests as follows: one third on 2/13/2010, and the remaining shares in 24 equal installments over the 24 months following the first vesting date.

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