

RITA MEDICAL SYSTEMS INC

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January 21, 2004

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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Current Report

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

January 21, 2004

Date of Report

(Date of earliest event reported)

RITA Medical Systems, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

000-30959
(Commission File Number)

94-3199149
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

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967 N. Shoreline Blvd.

Mountain View, CA 94043

(Address of principal executive offices, with zip code)

(650) 314-3400

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Item 5. Other Events and Required FD Disclosure.

On January 21, 2004, RITA Medical Systems, Inc., a Delaware corporation (RITA), announced that the American Medical Association has assigned a new Current Procedural Terminology code, number 20982, for radiofrequency ablation of bone tumors. A copy of RITA's press release announcing this release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

SIGNATURES

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 hereunto duly authorized.

RITA Medical Systems, Inc.

Date: January 21, 2004

By:

/s/ Donald Stewart

Donald Stewart, Chief Financial Officer and
Vice President Finance and Administration

RITA MEDICAL SYSTEMS, INC.

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release of RITA Medical Systems, Inc. dated January 21, 2004.