

CONMED CORP  
Form 8-K  
May 23, 2005

**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): May 17, 2005

**CONMED CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<u>New York</u>	<u>0-16093</u>	<u>16-0977505</u>
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
	525 French Road	
	<u>Utica, New York 13502</u>	
	(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 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement**

On May 17, 2005, CONMED Corporation (the Company ) entered into Amendment No. 3 to the Employment Agreement between the Company and Eugene R. Corasanti dated December 16, 1996 (the Amendment ). The Amendment relates to new tax rules concerning deferred compensation provided Mr. Corasanti under the Employment Agreement. The Amendment prevents Mr. Corasanti from electing to receive deferred compensation on an accelerated basis for amounts awarded in 2005 or thereafter. A copy of the Amendment is filed as Exhibit 10.1 to this report.

On May 17, 2005, CONMED Corporation entered into an agreement with William W. Abraham to provide lifetime medical coverage. A copy of the agreement is filed as Exhibit 10.2 to this report.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits

The following exhibits are included herewith:

**Exhibit No. Description of Exhibit**

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| 10.2 | Agreement with William W. Abraham to provide lifetime medical coverage dated May 17, 2005.                              |

**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: /s/ Robert D. Shallish, Jr.  
Vice President-Finance and  
Chief Financial Officer

Date: May 17, 2005

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