

MEDTRONIC INC
Form 8-K
January 06, 2005

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): **January 5, 2005**

Medtronic, Inc.

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Minnesota

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-7707
(Commission File Number)

41-0793183
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

710 Medtronic Parkway

Minneapolis, Minnesota 55432

(Address of Principal Executive Offices and Zip Code)

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(763) 514-4000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
 - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
 - 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 January 5, 2005, Medtronic, Inc. (Medtronic) issued a press release in response to a decision by the U.S. District Court in Delaware regarding patent litigation between Medtronic and the ACS subsidiary of Guidant Corporation and between Medtronic and Boston Scientific Corporation. The full text of the press release is set forth in Exhibit 99.1 attached hereto and is incorporated in this Current Report as if fully set forth herein. This information is disclosed pursuant to Regulation FD.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (a) Financial statements: None.
- (b) Pro forma financial information: None.
- (c) Exhibits:

Exhibit 99.1 Press release dated January 5, 2005.

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.

MEDTRONIC, INC.

Date: January 5, 2005

By

/s/ Terrance L. Carlson
Terrance L. Carlson
Senior Vice President, General Counsel
and Corporate Secretary