

THYAGARAJAN VENKATRAMAN
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

THYAGARAJAN
 VENKATRAMAN

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

PALO ALTO, CA 94304-1030

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)
 11/14/2008

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

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

5. 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

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
No securities beneficially owned	0	D	

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

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying	4. Conversion	5. Ownership	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
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(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	(Instr. 5)
Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
THYAGARAJAN VENKATRAMAN C/O VARIAN MEDICAL SYSTEMS, INC. 3100 HANSEN WAY, MAIL STOP E-327 PALO ALTO, CA 94304-1030	X	^	^	^

Signatures

/s/ Franco N. Palomba, attorney-in-fact for Venkatraman
Thyagarajan

11/18/2008

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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