

Cardiovascular Systems Inc
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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 *
 NELSON GLEN D

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 651 CAMPUS DRIVE
 (Street)

ST. PAUL, MN 55112

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Cardiovascular Systems Inc [CSII]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 08/08/2011

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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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)
Common Stock	08/08/2011		A	6,472 A	\$ 0 273,325	D	
Common Stock					258,655	I	Held by LLC ⁽¹⁾

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)

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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)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 12.37							(2)	11/30/2015	Common Stock	9,705
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9.28							(2)	11/30/2014	Common Stock	6,470
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 8.83							(2)	12/18/2016	Common Stock	12,940
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.9							(2)	10/08/2017	Common Stock	4,322
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 11.38							(2)	11/12/2017	Common Stock	15,087
Warrant	\$ 9.28							09/12/2008	09/12/2013	Common Stock	53,916
Warrant	\$ 8.83							02/25/2009	02/24/2014	Common Stock	56,558
Warrant (right to buy)	\$ 9.28							11/30/2010	09/12/2013	Common Stock	117,399
Warrant (right to buy)	\$ 8.83							11/30/2010	02/24/2014	Common Stock	452,729
Restricted Stock Units	(3)							(3)	(3)	Common Stock	5,714
Restricted Stock	(3)							(3)	(3)	Common Stock	11,628

Units									
Restricted									
Stock	(3)				(3)	(3)	Common		21,739
Units							Stock		
Restricted									
Stock	(4)	08/08/2011		A	7,192	(4)	(4)	Common	7,192
Units							Stock		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NELSON GLEN D 651 CAMPUS DRIVE ST. PAUL, MN 55112		X		

Signatures

/s/ Robert K. Ranum as Attorney-in-Fact for Glen D. Nelson pursuant to Power of Attorney previously filed. 08/10/2011

__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) Shares are held by GDN Holdings, LLC, of which Dr. Nelson is the sole owner.
- (2) Fully exercisable.

(3) Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive a payment from CSI equal in value to the market price per share of CSI common stock on the date of payment, and shall be payable in cash or shares of the Company's Common Stock beginning six months following the termination of each director's board membership.

(4) Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive a payment from CSI equal in value to the market price per share of CSI common stock on the date of payment, and shall be payable in cash or shares of the Company's common stock beginning six months following the termination of each director's board membership; provided, however, that the restricted stock units vest in quarterly amounts of 1,798 on each of 9/30/2011, 12/31/2011, 3/31/2012, and 6/30/2012.

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