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Form 8-K/A

October 15, 2004

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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FORM 8-K/A

CURRENT REPORT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported)      October 15, 2004

VARIAN MEDICAL SYSTEMS, INC.

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(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware

1-7598

94-2359345

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(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

(Commission File  
Number)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

3100 Hansen Way, Palo Alto, CA

94304-1030

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code      (650) 493-4000

Not Applicable

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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)) [GRAPHIC OMITTED]

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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officer.

In respect of the current report on Form 8-K of Varian Medical Systems, Inc. (the "Company") announcing R. Andrew Eckert's appointment on October 15,

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2004 to the Company's Board of Directors, Mr. Eckert's committee assignments have not yet been determined. The Company will file a further amendment to its October 15, 2004 current report on Form 8-K once Mr. Eckert's committee assignments are determined.

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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.

Varian Medical Systems, Inc.

By: /s/ JOSEPH B. PHAIR

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Name: Joseph B. Phair  
Title: Vice President, Administration,  
General Counsel and Secretary

Dated: October 15, 2004

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