

MEDTRONIC INC  
Form 8-K  
September 28, 2004

# 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): **September 28, 2004**

## 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)

**(763) 514-4000**

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**Not Applicable**

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

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  - o 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 September 28, 2004, Medtronic, Inc. issued a press release announcing the results of the jury verdict in the lawsuit entitled *Medtronic Sofamor Danek, Inc., vs. Gary K. Michelson, M.D., and Karlin Technology, Inc.*, involving technology agreements among the parties. 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 September 28, 2004.

**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: September 28, 2004

By /s/ Ronald E. Lund  
Ronald E. Lund  
Senior Vice President,  
General Counsel and Corporate Secretary