

MERGE HEALTHCARE INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**STEARNS NEELE E**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**MERGE HEALTHCARE INC  
 [MRGE]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**6737 WEST WASHINGTON  
 STREET, SUITE 2250**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**06/23/2008**

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

(Street)  
**MILWAUKEE, WI 53214**

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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)**

1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Share Purchase Rights (right to buy)	\$ 50	06/23/2008	J <sup>(1)</sup>		221,610		<sup>(2)</sup>	<sup>(2)</sup>	Series B Junior Participating Preferred Stock	2,216.1

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
STEARNS NEELE E 6737 WEST WASHINGTON STREET SUITE 2250 MILWAUKEE, WI 53214	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Julie Ann B. Schumitsch, by Power of Attorney for Neele E. Stearns, Jr. 06/23/2008

\*\*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) The Share Purchase Rights (the "rights") were attached to the Common Stock of Merge Healthcare Incorporated and were called for redemption at \$.001 per share in accordance with their terms.
- (2) The rights were issued pursuant to the Rights Agreement, dated as of September 6, 2006, by and between the issuer and American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, as rights agent. The rights never became exercisable.
- (3) Shares of Common Stock held by S I P of Illinois Limited Partnership, of which Mr. Stearns is a partner, the beneficial ownership of which Mr. Stearns disclaims.

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