UNITED STATES 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)

October 20, 2004

Owens & Minor, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Virginia (State or Other Jurisdiction 1-9810 (Commission 54-1701843 (IRS Employer

of Incorporation)

File Number)

Identification No.)

4800 Cox Road, Glen Allen, Virginia (Address of principal executive offices)

23060 (Zip Code)

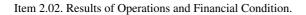
Registrant s telephone number, including area code

(804) 747-9794

(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:

- " Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))



On October 20, 2004, the Registrant issued a press release regarding its financial results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2004. The Registrant is furnishing this 8-K and the press release attached hereto pursuant to Item 2.02 of Form 8-K.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (c) Exhibits.
 - 99.1 Press Release by Registrant on October 20, 2004 (furnished pursuant to Item 2.02).

SIGNATURE

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 thereunto duly authorized.

OWENS & MINOR, INC.

Date: October 20, 2004 By: /s/ Grace R. den Hartog

Name: Grace R. den Hartog

Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel and

Corporate Secretary

Exhibit Index

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release by Registrant on October 20, 2004.