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FORM 10-Q

x QUARTERLY REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 For the quarterly period ended October 24, 2008

Commission File Number 1-7707

MEDTRONIC, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Minnesota (State of incorporation) **41-0793183** (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

710 Medtronic Parkway

Minneapolis, Minnesota 55432

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(763) 514-4000

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to file such reports) and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes x No o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of accelerated filer and large accelerated filer in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer x Accelerated filer o Non-accelerated filer o Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes o No x

Shares of common stock, \$.10 par value, outstanding on November 28, 2008: 1,118,224,679

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PART I FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements

MEDTRONIC, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS (Unaudited)

	Three mo	nths ende	ed		Six mont	hs ende	1
	ober 24, 2008		ober 26, 2007		tober 24, 2008	Oct	ober 26, 2007
		(in n	nillions, excep	ot per sh	are data)		
Net sales	\$ 3,570	\$	3,124	\$	7,276	\$	6,250
Costs and expenses:							
Cost of products sold	883		840		1,738		1,632
Research and development expense	326		298		650		598
Selling, general and administrative expense	1,263		1,107		2,581		2,203
Restructuring charges					96		14
Certain litigation charges	266				266		
Purchased in-process research and development							
(IPR&D) charges	18				18		33
Other expense, net	143		72		294		128
Interest expense/(income), net	10		(61)		19		(105)
Total costs and expenses	2,909		2,256		5,662		4,503
Earnings before income taxes	661		868		1,614		1,747
Provision for income taxes	90		202		296		406
Net earnings	\$ 571	\$	666	\$	1,318	\$	1,341

Earnings per share:						
Basic	\$	0.51	\$	0.59	\$ 1.18	\$ 1.18
Diluted	\$	0.51	\$	0.58	\$ 1.17	\$ 1.17
Weighted average shares outstanding:						
Basic		1,120.4		1,133.1	1,120.5	1,136.1
Diluted		1,128.5		1,147.7	1,128.6	1,150.6
Cash dividends declared per common share The accompanying notes are an integral part of these conso	\$ lidated find	0.188 ancial statem	\$ ents.	0.125	\$ 0.376	\$ 0.250

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MEDTRONIC, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (Unaudited)

		October 24, 2008		april 25, 2008	
	(in m	nillions, excep	pt per sl	nare data)	
ASSETS					
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	541	\$	1,060	
Short-term investments	Ψ	501	Ψ	553	
Accounts receivable, less allowances of \$77 and \$99, respectively		2.947		3,287	
Income tax receivable		148		73	
Inventories		1.348		1,280	
Deferred tax assets, net		384		600	
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		633		469	
Total current assets		6,502		7,322	
Property, plant and equipment		4,865		4,743	
Accumulated depreciation		(2,631)		(2,522)	
Property, plant and equipment, net		2,234		2,221	
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Goodwill		7,515		7,519	
Other intangible assets, net		2,198		2,193	
Long-term investments		2,803		2,322	
Long-term deferred tax assets, net				103	
Other assets		781		518	
Total assets	\$	22,033	\$	22,198	

LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY

Current liabilities:		
Short-term borrowings	\$ 1,018	\$ 1,154
Accounts payable	364	383
Accrued compensation	734	789
Other accrued expenses	798	1,209
Total current liabilities	2,914	3,535
Long-term debt	5,523	5,802
Long-term accrued compensation and retirement benefits	302	304
Long-term accrued income taxes	553	519
Long-term deferred tax liabilities, net	18	
Other long-term liabilities	99	502
Total liabilities Commitments and contingencies (Note 18)	9,409	10,662
Shareholders equity:		
Preferred stock par value \$1.00		
Common stock par value \$0.10	112	112
Retained earnings	12,468	11,710
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	44	(286)
Total shareholders equity	12,624	11,536
Total liabilities and shareholders equity	\$ 22,033	\$ 22,198

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

MEDTRONIC, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Unaudited)

	Six mont	ths ended	l
	ober 24, 2008		ober 26, 2007
	(in millions)		
Operating Activities:			
Net earnings	\$ 1,318	\$	1,341
Adjustments to reconcile net earnings to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization	352		276
IPR&D charges	18		33
Provision for doubtful accounts	16		17
Deferred income taxes	71		3
Stock-based compensation	108		92
Excess tax benefit from exercise of stock-based awards	(26)		(32)
Change in operating assets and liabilities, net of effect of acquisitions:			
Accounts receivable	270		(128)

Inventories		(141)	(12)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		(90)	98
Other operating assets and liabilities		(276)	117
Net cash provided by operating activities		1,620	1,805
Investing Activities:			
Acquisitions, net of cash acquired		(29)	(26)
Purchase of intellectual property		(135)	(52)
Additions to property, plant and equipment		(263)	(280)
Purchases of marketable securities		1,877)	(4,279)
Sales and maturities of marketable securities		1,321	6,959
Other investing activities, net		(5)	(67)
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities		(988)	2,255
Financing Activities:			
Change in short-term borrowings, net		(124)	266
Payments on long-term debt		(300)	
Dividends to shareholders		(421)	(284)
Issuance of common stock		367	285
Excess tax benefit from exercise of stock-based awards		26	32
Repurchase of common stock		(639)	(901)
Net cash used in financing activities	(1,091)	(602)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		(60)	(31)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents		(519)	3,427
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		1,060	1,256
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$	541	\$ 4,683
Supplemental Cash Flow Information			
Cash Paid For:			
Income taxes	\$	249	\$ 198
Interest		113	118
Supplemental Noncash Investing and Financing Activities:			
Reclassification of debentures from short-term to long-term debt	\$	15	\$
Reclassification of debentures from long-term to short-term debt			94
The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.			

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MEDTRONIC, INC. NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited)

Dollars in millions, except per share data

Note 1 Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S.) (U.S. GAAP) for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information necessary for a fair presentation of results of operations, financial condition, and cash flows in conformity with U.S. GAAP. In the opinion of management, the condensed consolidated

financial statements reflect all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring adjustments) considered necessary for a fair presentation of the results of Medtronic, Inc. and its subsidiaries (Medtronic or the Company) for the periods presented. Operating results for interim periods are not necessarily indicative of results that may be expected for the fiscal year as a whole. The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues, expenses, and the related disclosures at the date of the financial statements and during the reporting period. Actual results could materially differ from these estimates. For further information, refer to the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended April 25, 2008.

The Company s fiscal years 2009, 2008 and 2007 will end or ended on April 24, 2009, April 25, 2008 and April 27, 2007, respectively.

Note 2 New Accounting Pronouncements

Effective April 26, 2008, the Company adopted Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 157, Fair Value Measurements (SFAS No. 157). SFAS No. 157 establishes a framework for measuring fair value in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, clarifies the definition of fair value within that framework and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. SFAS No. 157 applies whenever other standards require (or permit) assets or liabilities to be measured at fair value, except for the measurement of share-based payments. SFAS No. 157 does not expand the use of fair value in any new circumstances. For certain types of financial instruments, SFAS No. 157 requires a limited form of retrospective transition, whereby the cumulative impact of the change in principle is recognized in the opening balance in retained earnings in the fiscal year of adoption. All other provisions of SFAS No. 157 will be applied prospectively. On February 12, 2008, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position (FSP) FAS 157-2, Effective Date of FASB Statement No. 157 (FSP FAS No. 157-2). FSP FAS No. 157-2 defers the implementation of SFAS No. 157 for certain nonfinancial assets and nonfinancial liabilities. Accordingly, the Company adopted the required provisions of SFAS No. 157 at the beginning of fiscal year 2009 and the remaining provisions will be adopted by the Company at the beginning of fiscal year 2010. The fiscal year 2009 adoption did not result in a material impact to the Company s financial statements (see Note 7). The Company is currently evaluating the impact of adopting the remaining parts of SFAS No. 157-2.

In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 158, Employers Accounting for Defined Benefit Pension and Other Postretirement Plans an amendment of FASB Statements No. 87, 88, 106 and 132(R) (SFAS No. 158), which requires the recognition of an asset or liability for the funded status of defined benefit pension and other post-retirement benefit plans in the statement of financial position. The funded status recognition and certain disclosure provisions of SFAS No. 158 were adopted for the Company s fiscal year ended April 25, 2008. See Notes 1 and 13 to the consolidated financial statements included in the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended April 25, 2008 for the impact of this adoption. SFAS No. 158 also requires the consistent measurement of plan assets and benefit obligations as of the date of the Company s fiscal year-end statement of financial position effective for the Company s fiscal year ending April 24, 2009. A select number of the Company s plans, including the U.S. plans, currently have a January 31 measurement date. This standard will require the Company to change that measurement date to match the date of the Company s fiscal year 2009. The Company will adopt the new measurement date provisions of SFAS No. 158 in the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2009 which will result in a one-time adjustment to retained earnings and accumulated other comprehensive income in that period.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 141(R), Business Combinations (SFAS No. 141(R)). SFAS No. 141(R) replaces SFAS No. 141, Business Combinations. SFAS No. 141(R) establishes principles and requirements for how an acquirer recognizes and measures in its financial statements the identifiable assets acquired, the liabilities assumed, any noncontrolling interests in the acquiree and the goodwill acquired. Some of the key changes under SFAS No. 141(R) will impact the accounting treatment for certain acquisition related items including: (1) accounting for acquired in process research and development (IPR&D) as an indefinite-lived intangible asset until approved or discontinued rather than as an immediate expense; (2) expensing acquisition costs rather than adding them to the cost of an acquisition; (3) expensing restructuring costs in connection with an acquisition rather than adding them to the cost of an acquisition the fair value of contingent liabilities that are more likely than not to occur. SFAS No. 141(R) also includes a substantial number of new disclosure requirements. SFAS No. 141(R) will be effective for the Company beginning fiscal year 2010 and must be applied prospectively to all new acquisitions closing on or after April 25, 2009. Early adoption of SFAS No. 141(R) is prohibited. SFAS No. 141(R) is expected to have a material impact on how the Company will identify, negotiate, and value future acquisitions and a material impact on how an acquisition will affect the Company s consolidated financial statements.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 160, Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements, an amendment of ARB No. 51 (SFAS No. 160). SFAS No. 160 will change the accounting and reporting for minority interests, which will be recharacterized as noncontrolling interests and classified as a component of equity as compared to a liability today. This new consolidation method will significantly change the accounting for partial and/or step acquisitions. SFAS No. 160 will be effective for the Company in the first quarter of

fiscal year 2010. The Company does not believe the adoption of SFAS No. 160 will have a material impact to the Company s consolidated financial statements.

In March 2008, the FASB issued SFAS No. 161, Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities (SFAS No. 161), which will require increased disclosures about an entity s strategies and objectives for using derivative instruments; the location and amounts of derivative instruments in an entity s financial statements; how derivative instruments and related hedged items are accounted for under SFAS No. 133, Accounting for Derivative and Hedging Activities (SFAS No. 133); and how derivative instruments and related hedged items affect an entity s financial performance, and cash flows. Certain disclosures will also be required with respect to derivative features that are credit risk-related. SFAS No. 161 is effective for the Company beginning in the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2009 but only requires the revised disclosures on a prospective basis. The Company will provide the additional disclosures necessary to the condensed consolidated financial statements beginning in the Company s fourth quarter fiscal year 2009.

In May 2008, the FASB issued FSP APB 14-1, Accounting for Convertible Debt Instruments That May Be Settled in Cash upon Conversion (Including Partial Cash Settlement) (FSP APB 14-1). FSP APB 14-1 requires the proceeds from the issuance of such convertible debt instruments to be allocated between a liability component (issued at a discount) and an equity component. The resulting debt discount is amortized over the period the convertible debt is expected to be outstanding as additional non-cash interest expense. The change in accounting treatment is effective for the Company beginning in fiscal year 2010, and will be applied retrospectively to prior periods. FSP APB 14-1 changes the accounting treatment for the Company s \$2,200 of 1.500 percent and \$2,200 of 1.625 percent Senior Convertible Notes due in 2011 and 2013, respectively, which were issued in April 2006 and the \$15 remaining balance of the Company s Contingent Convertible Debentures due 2021. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of this new accounting treatment, which will result in an increase to non-cash interest expense reported in its historical financial statements. Based on a preliminary review, the Company believes historical diluted EPS would be impacted in the range of \$0.06 to \$0.10 per fiscal year.

Note 3 Acquisitions and IPR&D Charges

When the Company acquires another company or a group of assets, the purchase price is allocated, as applicable, between IPR&D, other identifiable intangible assets, net tangible assets, and goodwill as required by U.S. GAAP. Goodwill represents the excess of the aggregate purchase price over the fair value of net assets, including IPR&D, of acquired businesses. The values assigned to IPR&D and other identifiable intangible assets are based on valuations that have been prepared using methodologies and valuation techniques consistent with those used by independent appraisers. These techniques include estimating the future cash flows of each project or technology and discounting the net cash flows back to their present values utilizing an appropriate risk-adjusted rate of return (discount rate). The discount rate used is determined at the time of the acquisition in accordance with accepted valuation methods. For IPR&D, these methodologies include consideration of the risk of the project not achieving commercial feasibility and include a factor that takes into account the uncertainty surrounding the successful development of the IPR&D.

At the time of acquisition, the Company expects all acquired IPR&D will reach technological feasibility, but there can be no assurance that the commercial viability of these products will actually be achieved. The nature of the efforts to develop the acquired technologies into commercially viable products consists principally of planning, designing, and conducting clinical trials necessary to obtain regulatory approvals. The risks associated with achieving commercialization include, but are not limited to, delay or failure to obtain regulatory approvals to conduct clinical trials, delay or failure to obtain required market clearances, and patent issuance, validity and litigation, if any. If commercial viability were not achieved, the Company would likely look to other alternatives to provide these therapies.

Fiscal Year 2009

Restore Medical Acquisition

On July 16, 2008, the Company acquired Restore Medical, Inc. (Restore). Restore s Pillar Palatal Implant System (Pillar System) will be integrated into the Surgical Technologies operating segment of the Company. The Pillar System will provide the Company with a minimally invasive, implantable medical device used to treat the soft palate component of sleep breathing disorders, including mild to moderate obstructive sleep apnea and snoring. Restore shareholders received \$1.60 per share in cash for each share of Restore common stock they owned. Total consideration for the transaction was approximately \$30 excluding cash acquired.

In connection with the acquisition of Restore, the Company acquired \$17 of technology-based intangible assets with an estimated useful life of 10 years, \$2 of net tangible assets, and \$11 of goodwill. The goodwill is not deductible for tax purposes. The pro forma impact of the acquisition of Restore was not significant to the results of the Company for the three and six months ended October 24, 2008 or October 26, 2007. The

results of operations for Restore have been included in the Company s condensed consolidated statement of earnings since the date of acquisition.

Fiscal Year 2008

Kyphon Acquisition

On November 2, 2007, the Company acquired Kyphon Inc. (Kyphon) and it became a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company. Kyphon develops and markets medical devices designed to restore and preserve spinal function using minimally invasive technology. Kyphon s primary products are used in balloon kyphoplasty for the treatment of spinal compression fractures caused by osteoporosis or cancer, and in the interspinous process decompression procedure for treating the symptoms of lumbar spinal stenosis. It is expected that the acquisition of Kyphon will add to the growth of the Company s existing Spinal business by extending its product offerings and enabling the Company to provide physicians with a broader range of therapies for use at all stages of the care continuum.

Under the terms of the agreement announced on July 27, 2007, Kyphon shareholders received \$71 per share in cash for each share of Kyphon common stock they owned. Total consideration for the transaction was approximately \$4,203, which includes payments to Kyphon shareholders for the cancellation of outstanding shares, the assumption and settlement of existing Kyphon debt and payment of direct acquisition costs. Total debt assumed relates to Kyphon s obligations under existing credit and term loan facilities and outstanding senior convertible notes. In addition, the total consideration includes the proceeds of unwinding the related convertible note hedges and cancellation and payment of the warrants to the hedge participants that were originally issued by Kyphon in February 2007. The transaction was financed through a combination of approximately \$3,303 cash on hand, the issuance of \$600 short-term commercial paper and borrowing \$300 through a new long-term unsecured revolving credit facility.

The Company has accounted for the acquisition of Kyphon as a purchase under U.S. GAAP. Under the purchase method of accounting, the assets and liabilities of Kyphon were recorded as of the acquisition date, at their respective fair values, and consolidated with the Company. The break down of the purchase price of Kyphon is as follows:

Cash acquisition of Kyphon outstanding common stock	\$ 3,300
Cash settlement of vested stock-based awards	218
Debt assumed and settled	570
Cash settlement of convertible debt warrants, net of proceeds from convertible note hedges	87
Direct acquisition costs	28
Total purchase price	\$ 4,203

The purchase price allocation is based on estimates of the fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed. The purchase price has been allocated as follows:

Current assets	\$	367
Property, plant and equipment		39
IPR&D		290
Other intangible assets		996
Goodwill		3,175
Other long-term assets		10
Total assets acquired		4,877
Current liabilities		359
Deferred tax liabilities		282
Other long-term liabilities		33
Total liabilities assumed		674
Net assets acquired	\$	4,203
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In connection with the acquisition, the Company acquired \$996 of intangible assets that had a weighted average useful life of approximately 10.5 years. The intangible assets include \$887 of technology-based assets and \$109 of tradenames with weighted average lives of 10.5 years and 11 years, respectively. Also as part of the acquisition, the Company recognized, in total, \$290 and \$3,175 for IPR&D and goodwill, respectively. The IPR&D was expensed on the date of acquisition. Various factors contributed to the establishment of goodwill, including: the benefit of adding existing products of the Company to the portfolio of products already sold by Kyphon sales representatives; the value of Kyphon s highly trained assembled workforce; and the expected revenue growth that is attributable to expanded indications and increased market penetration from future products and customers. The goodwill is not deductible for tax purposes.

The \$290 IPR&D charge primarily relates to three projects: 1) future launch of the balloon kyphoplasty (kyphoplasty) procedure into the Japanese market, 2) future launch of the Aperius product into the U.S. market, and 3) the development of the next generation kyphoplasty balloon technology. Kyphoplasty is Kyphon s minimally invasive approach to treat spinal fractures including vertebral compression fractures due to osteoporosis and cancer. Aperius is Kyphon s internally developed interspinous spacing device which provides a minimally invasive approach to treat lumbar spinal stenosis. For purposes of valuing the acquired IPR&D, the Company estimated total costs to complete of approximately \$19.

As required, the Company recognized a \$34 fair value adjustment related to inventory acquired from Kyphon. Inventory fair value is defined as the estimated selling price less the sum of (a) cost to complete (b) direct costs to sell and (c) a reasonable profit allowance for the selling effort. The \$34 fair value adjustment was fully expensed through cost of products sold during the third quarter of fiscal year 2008, which reflects the estimated period over which the acquired inventory was sold to customers.

In connection with the acquisition, the Company began to assess and formulate a plan for the elimination of duplicative positions, employee relocations, the exit of certain facilities, and the termination of certain contractual obligations. The purchase accounting liabilities recorded in connection with these activities were approximately \$68 and included approximately \$48 for termination benefits and employee relocation and approximately \$20 of estimated costs to cancel contractual obligations. The remaining balance of these liabilities as of October 24, 2008 was approximately \$36. The Company continues to assess these liabilities and until the plan is finalized and the integration activities are complete, the allocation of the purchase price is subject to adjustment.

The Company s condensed consolidated financial statements include Kyphon s operating results from the date of acquisition, November 2, 2007. The following unaudited pro forma information sets forth the combined results of Medtronic s and Kyphon s operations for the three months and six months ended October 26, 2007 as if the acquisition had occurred at the beginning of the periods presented. The unaudited pro forma results of operations for the three and six month periods ended October 26, 2007 includes the results of Medtronic s historical financial information for the periods and the operations for Kyphon for the three and six month periods ended September 30, 2007.

The pro forma information gives effect to actual operating results prior to the acquisition, adjusted to reflect, among other things, reduced interest income, additional intangible asset amortization and interest expense that would have resulted from the change in the accounting basis of certain assets and liabilities due to the acquisition. Pro forma adjustments are tax-effected at the Company s statutory tax rate. No effect has been given to cost reductions or operating synergies in this presentation. These pro forma amounts are not necessarily indicative of the results that would have been obtained if the acquisition had occurred as of the beginning of the periods presented or that may occur in the future, and does not reflect future synergies, integration costs, or other such costs or savings. The unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated financial information is presented for informational purposes only.

	Th	Three months ended		Six months ended	
(dollars in millions, except per share data)	C	October 26, 2007		october 26, 2007	
Net sales	\$	3,269	\$	6,667	
Net earnings	\$	365	\$	987	
Earnings per share:					
Basic	\$	0.32	\$	0.87	
Diluted	\$	0.32	\$	0.86	
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The unaudited pro forma financial information for the three and six months ended October 26, 2007 includes a \$290 IPR&D charge and a \$34 increase in cost of products sold related to the step-up to fair value of inventory acquired, both of which are non-recurring.

Other Acquisitions and IPR&D Charges

During the second quarter of fiscal year 2009, the Company recorded an IPR&D charge of \$18 related to the purchase of certain intellectual property for use in the Spinal business. These payments were expensed as IPR&D since technological feasibility of the underlying product had not yet been reached and such technology has no future alternative use.

On June 25, 2007, the Company exercised a purchase option and acquired substantially all of the O-arm Imaging System (O-arm) assets of Breakaway Imaging, LLC (Breakaway), a privately held company based in Littleton, Massachusetts. Prior to the acquisition, the Company had the exclusive rights to distribute and market the O-arm. The O-arm provides multi-dimensional surgical imaging for use in spinal and orthopedic surgical procedures. The acquisition is expected to bring the O-arm into a broad portfolio of image guided surgical solutions. Total consideration for Breakaway was approximately \$26 in cash, subject to purchase price increases, which would be triggered by the achievement of certain milestones. In connection with the acquisition of Breakaway, the Company acquired \$22 of technology-based intangible assets that had an estimated useful life of 15 years at the time of acquisition, \$1 of tangible assets, and \$3 of goodwill. The goodwill was deductible for tax purposes. The pro forma impact of the acquisition of Breakaway was not significant to the results of the Company for the three and six months ended October 26, 2007.

Additionally, during the first quarter of fiscal year 2008, the Company recorded IPR&D charges of \$25 related to a milestone payment under the existing terms of a royalty bearing, non-exclusive patent cross-licensing agreement with NeuroPace, Inc. and \$8 for unrelated purchases of certain intellectual property. These payments were expensed as IPR&D since technological feasibility of the underlying projects had not yet been reached and such technology has no future alternative use.

In addition to the acquisitions above, Medtronic periodically acquires certain tangible or intangible assets from certain enterprises that do not otherwise qualify for accounting as a business combination. These transactions are largely reflected in the condensed consolidated statements of cash flows as a component of investing activities under *purchase of intellectual property*.

Contingent Consideration

Certain of the Company s business combinations or purchases of intellectual property involve the potential for the payment of future contingent consideration upon the achievement of certain product development milestones and/or various other favorable operating conditions. While it is not certain if and/or when these payments will be made, the Company has developed an estimate of the potential contingent consideration for each of its acquisitions with an outstanding potential obligation. At October 24, 2008, the estimated potential amount of future contingent consideration that the Company is expected to make associated with all business combinations or purchases of intellectual property is approximately \$124. The milestones associated with the contingent consideration must be reached in future periods ranging from fiscal years 2009 to 2016 in order for the consideration to be paid.

Note 4 Certain Litigation Charges

The Company classifies material litigation reserves recognized as certain litigation charges. During the three and six months ended October 24, 2008, the Company incurred certain litigation charges of \$266. Of the amount recorded, \$229 relates to litigation with Cordis Corporation (Cordis), a subsidiary of Johnson & Johnson (J&J). The Cordis litigation originated in October 1997 and pertains to patent infringement claims on previous generations of bare metal stents that are no longer on the market. On September 30, 2008, the U.S. District Court entered final judgment including accrued interest, totaling approximately \$521, to Cordis. The Company had previously recorded a charge of \$243 related to this litigation in the third quarter of fiscal year 2008. At the time the \$243 charge was recorded, the range of potential loss related to this matter was subject to a high degree of estimation. The amount recorded represented an estimate of the low end of the range of probable outcomes related to the matter. Given that the Company and J&J are involved in a number of litigation simultaneous with the payment of this judgment. Ultimately, the agreement reached with Cordis required a total cash payment of \$472, which included the settlement of several outstanding legal matters between the parties. The charge of \$229 in the three months ended October 24, 2008 is the net result of \$472 in cash payments, offset by the existing reserves on the balance sheet including interest accrued on the \$243 since the date established.

The remainder of the certain litigation charge of \$37 relates to costs for the settlement of litigation that originated in May 2006 with Fastenetix LLC (Fastenetix), a patent holding company. The litigation related to an alleged breach of a royalty agreement in our Spinal business. The agreement reached with Fastenetix required a total cash payment of \$125 for the settlement of ongoing litigation and the purchase of patents. Of the \$125, \$37 was assigned to past damages in the case and the remaining \$88 was recorded as purchased intellectual property that has an estimated useful life of 7 years. As of October 24, 2008, all of these amounts have been paid. See Note 18 for further discussion of these cases.

During the three and six months ended October 26, 2007, there were no certain litigation charges.

Note 5 Restructuring Charges

Global Realignment Initiative

In fiscal year 2008, as part of a global realignment initiative, the Company recorded a \$31 restructuring charge, which consisted of employee termination costs of \$27 and asset write-downs of \$4. This initiative began in the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2008 and focuses on shifting resources to those areas where the Company has the greatest opportunities for growth and streamlining operations to drive operating leverage. The global realignment initiative impacts most businesses and certain corporate functions. Within the Company s Cardiac Rhythm Disease Management (CRDM) business, the Company is reducing research and development infrastructure by closing a facility outside the U.S., reprioritizing research and development projects to focus on the core business and consolidating manufacturing operations to drive operating leverage. Within Spinal, the Company is reorganizing and consolidating certain activities where Medtronic s existing infrastructure, resources, and systems can be leveraged to obtain greater operational synergies. The global realignment initiative is also designed to further consolidate manufacturing of CardioVascular products, streamline distribution of products in select businesses and to reduce general and administrative costs in the Company s corporate functions. The asset write-downs were recorded within *cost of products sold* in the condensed consolidated statement of earnings. The employee termination costs of \$27 consist of severance and the associated costs of continued medical benefits and outplacement services.

As a continuation of the global realignment initiative that began in fiscal year 2008, in the first quarter of fiscal year 2009 the Company incurred \$96 of incremental restructuring charges, which consists of employee termination costs of \$91 and asset write-downs of \$5. The majority of the expense recognized in the first quarter of fiscal year 2009 is related to the execution of the Company s global realignment initiative outside the U.S. This includes the realignment and elimination of personnel throughout Europe and the Emerging Markets and the closure of an existing facility in the Netherlands that will be integrated into the U.S. operations. The remainder of the expense is associated with enhanced severance benefits provided to employees identified in the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2008. These incremental costs were not accrued in fiscal year 2008 because the enhanced benefits had not yet been communicated to the impacted employees.

There were no restructuring charges in the second quarter of fiscal year 2009.

As of the end of the first quarter of fiscal year 2009, the Company had identified approximately 900 positions for elimination which will be achieved through both voluntary and involuntary separation. Of the 900 positions identified, approximately 410 have been eliminated as of October 24, 2008. The restructuring initiatives are scheduled to be substantially complete by the end of fiscal year 2009.

A summary of the activity related to the global realignment initiative is presented below:

Global Realignment Initiative

	Tern	ployee nination Costs	sset e-downs	Total
Balance at April 27, 2007	\$		\$	\$
Restructuring charges		27	4	31
Payments/write-downs		(2)	(4)	(6)
Balance at April 25, 2008	\$	25	\$	\$ 25
Restructuring charges		91	5	96
Payments/write-downs		(18)	(5)	(23)
Balance at July 25, 2008	\$	98	\$	\$ 98
Restructuring charges				
Payments		(19)		(19)
Currency adjustment, net		(9)		(9)

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Fiscal Year 2007 Initiative

In fiscal year 2007, the Company recorded a \$36 restructuring charge, which consisted of employee termination costs of \$28 and asset write-downs of \$8. These initiatives were designed to drive manufacturing efficiencies in the Company s CardioVascular business, downsize the Physio-Control business due to the Company s voluntary suspension of U.S. shipments, and rebalance resources within the CRDM business in response to market dynamics. The employee termination costs consist of severance and the associated costs of continued medical benefits, and outplacement services. The asset write-downs consist of a \$5 charge for inventory write-downs and a \$3 charge for non-inventory asset write-downs. The inventory and non-inventory asset write-downs were recorded within *cost of products sold* in the condensed consolidated statement of earnings.

As a continuation of the fiscal year 2007 initiatives, in the first quarter of fiscal year 2008 the Company incurred \$14 of incremental restructuring charges associated with compensation provided to employees whose employment terminated with the Company in the first quarter of fiscal year 2008. These incremental costs were not accrued in fiscal year 2007 because these benefits had not yet been communicated to the impacted employees. Included in the total \$14 restructuring charge is \$4 of incremental defined benefit pension and post-retirement related expense for those employees who accepted early retirement packages. These costs are not included in the table summarizing restructuring costs below because they are associated with costs that are accounted for under the pension and post-retirement rules. For further discussion on the incremental defined benefit pension and post-retirement related expense, see Note 17.

When the restructuring initiative began in fiscal year 2007, the Company identified approximately 900 positions for elimination which were achieved through early retirement packages offered to employees, voluntary separation, and involuntary separation, as necessary. As of April 25, 2008, the initiatives begun in the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2007 were substantially complete.

Fiscal Year 2007 Initiative

A summary of the activity related to the fiscal year 2007 initiative is presented below:

	Term		sset -downs	Total
Balance at April 28, 2006	\$	\$	\$	
Restructuring charges		28	8	36
Payments/write-downs		(5)	(8)	(13)
Balance at April 27, 2007		23		23
Restructuring charges		10		10
Payments		(33)		(33)
Balance at April 25, 2008	\$	\$	\$	

Note 6 Investments

The carrying amounts of cash and cash equivalents approximate fair value due to their short maturities.

Information regarding the Company s short-term and long-term investments at October 24, 2008 is as follows:

	Cost	Unrealized Gains		Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
Corporate debt securities	\$ 873	\$	1	\$ (56)	\$ 818

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Auction rate securities		201		(49)	152
Mortgage backed securities		911	3	(33)	881
Government and agency securities		818	5	(3)	820
Certificates of deposit		6			6
Other asset backed securities		391		(22)	369
Marketable equity securities		12			12
Cost method, equity method and other investments		246			246
Total short-term and long-term investments	\$	3,458	\$ 9	\$ (163)	\$ 3,304
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Information regarding the Company s short-term and long-term investments at April 25, 2008 is as follows:

	(Cost	Unrealiz Gains		 nrealized Losses	Fa	air Value
Corporate debt securities	\$	942	\$	2	\$ (15)	\$	929
Auction rate securities		198			(22)		176
Mortgage backed securities		693		3	(17)		679
Government and agency securities		478		1	(3)		476
Other asset backed securities		382		1	(12)		371
Marketable equity securities		14			(1)		13
Cost method, equity method and other investments		231					231
Total short-term and long-term investments	\$	2,938	\$	7	\$ (70)	\$	2,875

Activity related to the Company s short-term and long-term investment portfolio is as follows:

		Three months ended						
		October	24, 2008		October	26, 2007		
	De	ebt (1)	Equity (2)	D	ebt (1)	Equi	ty (2)	
Proceeds from sales	\$	763	\$	\$	5,437	\$	1	
Gross realized gains	\$	5	\$	\$	14	\$		
Gross realized losses	\$	(3)	\$	\$	(3)	\$		
Impairment losses recognized	\$	(18)	\$	\$		\$		

Six months ended

		October 24, 2008			October 26, 2007			
	D	ebt (1)	Equity (2)	D	ebt (1)	Equ	iity (2)	
Proceeds from sales	\$	1,321	\$	\$	6,935	\$	24	
Gross realized gains	\$	6	\$	\$	15	\$	15	

Gross realized losses	\$ (5)	\$ \$	(4)	\$
Impairment losses recognized	\$ (21)	\$ (2) \$		\$ (1)

(1) Includes available-for-sale (AFS) debt securities.

(2) Includes marketable equity securities, cost method, equity method, and other investments.

The October 24, 2008 balance of AFS debt securities by contractual maturity is shown in the following table. Within the table, maturities of mortgage-backed securities have been allocated based upon timing of estimated cash flows, assuming no change in the current interest rate environment. Actual maturities may differ from contractual maturities because the issuers of the securities may have the right to prepay obligations without prepayment penalties.

	0	october 24, 2008
Due in one year or less	\$	657
Due after one year through five years		2,165
Due after five years through ten years		56
Due after ten years		168
Total debt securities	\$	3,046

As of October 24, 2008, the Company has \$97 in debt securities that have been in an unrealized loss position for more than twelve months. The aggregate amount of unrealized losses for these investments is \$16. As of October 24, 2008, the Company has \$2,066 in debt securities that have been in an unrealized loss position for less than twelve months. The aggregate amount of unrealized losses for these investments is \$147. The majority of these investments are in high quality, investment grade securities. The Company does not consider these unrealized losses to be other-than-temporary as it has the intent and ability to hold these investments long enough to avoid realizing any significant losses.

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The Company has investments in marketable debt securities that are classified and accounted for as available-for-sale. The Company s debt securities include government securities, commercial paper, corporate debt securities, bank certificates of deposit, and mortgage backed and other asset backed securities including auction rate securities. Market conditions during the first half of fiscal year 2009 and subsequent to the Company s October 24, 2008 quarter-end continue to indicate significant uncertainty on the part of investors on the economic outlook for the U.S. and for financial institutions that have potential exposure to the sub-prime housing market. This uncertainty has created reduced liquidity across the fixed income investment market, including certain securities in which the Company has invested. As a result, some of the Company s investments have experienced reduced liquidity including unsuccessful monthly auctions for auction rate security holdings. Starting in the third quarter of fiscal year 2008, all of the investments in auction rate fixed income securities have been reclassified from *short-term investments* to *long-term investments* on the condensed consolidated balance sheet due to the fact that they are currently not trading, and current conditions in the general debt markets have reduced the likelihood that the securities will successfully auction within the next 12 months. Auction rate securities that did not successfully auction reset to the maximum rate as prescribed in the underlying indenture and all of the Company s holdings continue to be current with their interest payments.

For the three and six months ended October 24, 2008, the Company recognized an other-than-temporary impairment loss on AFS debt securities of \$18 and \$21, respectively. Based on the Company s assessment of the credit quality of the underlying collateral and credit support available to each of the remaining securities in which invested, the Company believes it has recorded all necessary other-than-temporary impairments as the Company has the ability and the intent to hold these investments long enough to avoid realizing any further losses. For additional discussion, see the Liquidity and Capital Resources section of management s discussion and analysis.

As of October 24, 2008 and April 25, 2008, the aggregate carrying amount of equity and other securities without a quoted market price and accounted for using the cost or equity method was \$246 and \$231, respectively. The total carrying value of these investments is reviewed quarterly for changes in circumstance or the occurrence of events that suggest the Company s investment may not be recoverable. The fair value of cost or equity method investments is not estimated if there are no identified events or changes in circumstances that may have a material adverse effect on the fair value of the investment.

Gains and losses recognized on debt instruments are recorded in *interest expense/(income)*, *net* in the condensed consolidated statements of earnings. Gains and losses recognized on equity instruments are recorded in *other expense*, *net* in the condensed consolidated statements of earnings. Gains and losses from the sale of investments are calculated based on the specific identification method.

The Company lends certain fixed income securities to enhance its investment income. These lending activities are indemnified against counterparty risk and collateralized at an average rate of 102 percent, with the collateral determined based on the underlying securities and creditworthiness of the borrowers. The value of the securities on loan at October 24, 2008 and April 25, 2008 was \$0 and \$610, respectively.

Note 7 Fair Value Measurements

As discussed in Note 2, the Company adopted SFAS No. 157 effective April 26, 2008, with respect to fair value measurements of (a) nonfinancial assets and liabilities that are recognized or disclosed at fair value in the Company s financial statements on a recurring basis (at least annually) and (b) all financial assets and liabilities. SFAS No. 157 clarifies the definition of fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value, and expands the disclosures on fair value measurements.

Under SFAS No. 157, fair value is defined as the exit price, or the amount that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants as of the measurement date. SFAS No. 157 also establishes a hierarchy for inputs used in measuring fair value that maximizes the use of observable inputs and minimizes the use of unobservable inputs by requiring that the most observable inputs be used when available. Observable inputs are inputs market participants would use in valuing the asset or liability developed based on market data obtained from sources independent of the Company. Unobservable inputs are inputs that reflect the Company s assumptions about the factors market participants would use in valuing the asset or liability developed based upon the best information available in the circumstances. The categorization of financial assets and financial liabilities within the valuation hierarchy is based upon the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The hierarchy is broken down into three levels defined as follows:

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Level 1 - Inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. The Company s Level 1 assets include money market funds, treasury bonds, marketable equity securities, and foreign currency hedges that are valued using quoted market prices.

Level 2 - Inputs include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, and inputs (other than quoted prices) that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. The Company s Level 2 assets and liabilities primarily include agency bonds, corporate debt securities, asset backed securities, certain mortgage backed securities, and interest rate swaps whose value is determined using inputs that are observable in the market or can be derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data.

Level 3 - Inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability. The Company s Level 3 assets include certain corporate debt securities, auction rate securities, certain mortgage backed securities, and certain asset backed securities. See the section below titled *Level 3 Valuation Techniques* for further discussion of how the Company determines fair value for investments classified as Level 3.

Assets and Liabilities that are Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis

For the Company, effective April 26, 2008, fair value under SFAS No. 157 is principally applied to financial assets and liabilities such as marketable equity securities and debt securities that are classified and accounted for as available-for-sale, investments in equity and other securities, and certain derivative instruments. Derivatives include cash flow hedges, freestanding derivative forward contracts, interest rate swaps and most net investment hedges. These items were previously and will continue to be marked-to-market at each reporting period; however, the definition of fair value is now applied using SFAS No. 157. The information in the following paragraphs and tables primarily addresses matters relative to these financial assets and liabilities. Separately, there were no material fair value measurements with respect to nonfinancial assets or liabilities that are recognized or disclosed at fair value in the Company s financial statements on a recurring basis subsequent to the effective date of SFAS No. 157.

The following table provides information by level for assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value, as defined by SFAS No. 157, on a recurring basis.

Fair Value at October 24, 2008 Fair Value Measurements Using Inputs Considered as

		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Assets:				
Corporate debt securities	\$ 818	\$ 5	\$ 784	\$ 29
Auction rate securities	152			152
Mortgage backed securities	881		830	51
Government and agency securities	820	210	610	
Certificates of deposit	6		6	
Other asset backed securities	369		360	9
Marketable equity securities	12	12		
Derivative assets	560	519	41	
Total assets	\$ 3,618	\$ 746	\$ 2,631	\$ 241
Liabilities:				
Derivative liabilities	\$ 102	\$ 102	\$	\$
Total liabilities	\$ 102	\$ 102	\$	\$

Level 3 Valuation Techniques

Financial assets are considered Level 3 when their fair values are determined using pricing models, discounted cash flow methodologies or similar techniques and at least one significant model assumption or input is unobservable. Level 3 financial assets also include certain investment securities for which there is limited market activity such that the determination of fair value requires significant judgment or estimation. Level 3 investment securities primarily include certain corporate debt securities, auction rate securities, certain mortgage backed securities, and certain asset backed securities for which there was a decrease in the observability of market pricing for these investments. At October 24, 2008, these securities were valued primarily using broker pricing models that incorporate transaction details such as contractual terms, maturity, timing and amount of future cash flows, as well as assumptions about liquidity and credit valuation adjustments of marketplace participants at October 24, 2008.

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The following table provides a reconciliation of the beginning and ending balances of items measured at fair value on a recurring basis in the table above that used significant unobservable inputs (Level 3).

Balance at April 26, 2008	\$ 448
Total realized losses and other-than-temporary impairment losses included in earnings	(22)
Total unrealized losses included in other comprehensive income	(54)
Purchases, issuances, and settlements	(189)
Net transfers in (out) of Level 3	58
Balance at October 24, 2008	\$ 241

Realized gains or losses included in earnings are included in interest expense/(income), net in the consolidated statement of earnings.

Assets and Liabilities that are Measured at Fair Value on a Nonrecurring Basis

During the three and six months ended October 24, 2008, the Company had no significant measurements of financial assets or liabilities at fair value on a nonrecurring basis subsequent to their initial recognition.

The aspects of SFAS No. 157 for which the effective date was deferred under FSP No. 157-2 until fiscal year 2010 relate to nonfinancial assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value, but are recognized or disclosed at fair value on a nonrecurring basis. This deferral applies to such items as nonfinancial assets and liabilities initially measured at fair value in a business combination (but not measured at fair value in subsequent

periods) or nonfinancial long-lived asset groups measured at fair value for an impairment assessment.

Note 8 Financing Arrangements

Senior Convertible Notes

In April 2006, the Company issued \$2,200 of 1.500 percent Senior Convertible Notes due 2011 and \$2,200 of 1.625 percent Senior Convertible Notes due 2013 (collectively, the Senior Convertible Notes). The Senior Convertible Notes were issued at par and pay interest in cash semi-annually in arrears on April 15 and October 15 of each year. The Senior Convertible Notes are unsecured unsubordinated obligations and rank equally with all other unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness. The Senior Convertible Notes had an initial conversion price of \$56.14 per share. The Senior Convertible Notes may only be converted: (i) during any calendar quarter if the closing price of the Company s common stock reaches 140 percent of the conversion price for 20 trading days during a specified period, or (ii) if specified distributions to holders of the Company s common stock are made or specified corporate transactions occur, or (iii) during the last month prior to maturity of the applicable notes. Upon conversion, a holder would receive: (i) cash equal to the lesser of the principal amount of the note or the conversion value and (ii) to the extent the conversion value exceeds the principal amount of the note, shares of the Company's common stock, cash, or a combination of common stock and cash, at the Company s option. In addition, upon a change in control, as defined in the applicable indentures, the holders may require the Company to purchase for cash all or a portion of their notes for 100 percent of the principal amount of the notes plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, plus a number of additional make-whole shares of the Company s common stock, as set forth in the applicable indenture. The indentures under which the Senior Convertible Notes were issued contain customary covenants. A total of \$2,500 of the net proceeds from these note issuances were used to repurchase common stock. As of April 2008, pursuant to provisions in the indentures relating to the Company s increase of its quarterly dividend to shareholders, the conversion rates for each of the Senior Convertible Notes is now 17.8715, which correspondingly changed the conversion price per share for each of the Senior Convertible Notes to \$55.96.

Under EITF Issue No. 00-19, Accounting for Derivative Financial Instruments Indexed to, and Potentially Settled in, a Company s Own Stock (EITF No. 00-19), the notes are accounted for similar to traditional convertible debt (that is, as a combined instrument) because the conversion spread meets the requirements of EITF No. 00-19, including the provisions contained in paragraphs 12 32 of EITF No. 00-19. Accordingly, the conversion spread is not separated as a derivative.

Concurrent with the issuance of the Senior Convertible Notes, the Company purchased call options on its common stock in private transactions. The call options allow the Company to receive shares of the Company s common stock and/or cash from counterparties equal to the amounts of common stock and/or cash related to the excess conversion value that it would pay to the holders of the Senior Convertible Notes upon conversion. These call options will terminate upon the earlier of the maturity dates of the related Senior Convertible Notes or the first day all of the related Senior Convertible Notes are no longer outstanding due to conversion or otherwise. The call options, which cost an aggregate \$1,075 (\$699 net of tax benefit), were recorded as a reduction of shareholders equity.

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In separate transactions, the Company sold warrants to issue shares of the Company s common stock at an exercise price of \$76.56 per share in private transactions. Pursuant to these transactions, warrants for 41 million shares of the Company s common stock may be settled over a specified period beginning in July 2011 and warrants for 41 million shares of the Company s common stock may be settled over a specified period beginning in July 2013 (the settlement dates). If the average price of the Company s common stock during a defined period ending on or about the respective settlement dates exceeds the exercise price of the warrants, the warrants will be settled in shares of the Company s common stock. Proceeds received from the issuance of the warrants totaled approximately \$517 and were recorded as an addition to shareholders equity. In April 2008, certain of the holders requested adjustment to the exercise price of the warrants from \$76.47 to \$76.30 pursuant to the anti-dilution provisions of the warrants relating to the Company s payment of dividends to common shareholders.

EITF No. 00-19 provides that contracts are initially classified as equity if (1) the contract requires physical settlement or net-share settlement, or (2) the contract gives the Company a choice of net-cash settlement or settlement in its own shares (physical settlement or net-share settlement). The settlement terms of the Company s purchased call options and sold warrant contracts provide for net cash settlement for the particular contract or net share settlement, depending on the method of settlement, as discussed above, which is at the option of the Company. Based on the guidance from EITF No. 00-19 and SFAS No. 133, the purchased call option contracts were recorded as a reduction of equity and the warrants were recorded as an addition to equity as of the trade date. SFAS No. 133 states that a reporting entity shall not consider contracts to be derivative instruments if the contract issued or held by the reporting entity is both indexed to its own stock and classified in shareholders equity in its statement of financial position. The Company concluded the purchased call option contracts and the warrant contracts should be accounted for in shareholders equity.

Senior Notes

In September 2005, the Company issued two tranches of Senior Notes with the aggregate face value of \$1,000. The first tranche consisted of \$400 of 4.375 percent Senior Notes due 2010 and the second tranche consisted of \$600 of 4.750 percent Senior Notes due 2015. Each tranche was issued at a discount which resulted in an effective interest rate of 4.433 percent and 4.760 percent for the five and ten year Senior Notes, respectively. Interest on each series of Senior Notes is payable semi-annually, on March 15 and September 15 of each year. The Senior Notes are unsecured unsubordinated obligations of the Company and rank equally with all other unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness of the Company. The indentures under which Senior Notes were issued contain customary covenants. The Company used the net proceeds from the sale of the Senior Notes for repayment of a portion of its commercial paper.

In November 2005, the Company entered into a five year interest rate swap agreement with a notional amount of \$200. This interest rate swap agreement was designated as a fair value hedge of the changes in fair value of a portion of the Company s fixed-rate \$400 Senior Notes due 2010. The Company pays variable interest equal to the three-month London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) minus 55 basis points and it receives a fixed interest rate of 4.375 percent. The outstanding market value of this swap agreement was a \$9 and \$8 unrealized gain at October 24, 2008 and April 25, 2008, respectively. The unrealized gain of \$9 and \$8 at October 24, 2008 and April 25, 2008, respectively, is recorded in *long-term debt* with the offset recorded in *other assets* on the condensed consolidated balance sheets.

In June 2007, the Company entered into an eight year interest rate swap agreement with a notional amount of \$300. This interest rate swap agreement was designated as a fair value hedge of the changes in fair value of a portion of the Company s fixed-rate \$600 Senior Notes due 2015. The Company pays variable interest equal to the three-month LIBOR minus 90 basis points and it receives a fixed interest rate of 4.750 percent. The outstanding market value of this swap agreement was a \$32 and \$27 unrealized gain at October 24, 2008 and April 25, 2008, respectively. The unrealized gain of \$32 and \$27 at October 24, 2008 and April 25, 2008, respectively, is recorded in *long-term debt* with the offset recorded in *other assets* on the condensed consolidated balance sheets.

Contingent Convertible Debentures

As of October 24, 2008, the Company has \$15 remaining in aggregate principle amount of 1.250 percent Contingent Convertible Debentures, Series B due 2021 (the Debentures) outstanding. Interest is payable semi-annually. Each Debenture is convertible into shares of common stock at an initial conversion price of \$61.81 per share; however, the Debentures are not convertible before their final maturity unless the closing price of our common stock reaches 110 percent of the conversion price for 20 trading days during a consecutive 30 trading day period. Upon conversion of the Debentures, the Company will pay holders cash equal to the lesser of the principal amount of the Debentures or their conversion value, and shares of the Company s common stock to the extent the conversion value exceeds the principal amount of the Debentures. The Company may be required to repurchase the remaining debentures at the option of the holders in September 2011 or 2016. For put options exercised by the holders of the Debentures, the purchase price is equal to the principal amount of the applicable debenture plus any accrued and unpaid interest thereon to the repurchase date. If the put option is exercised, the Company will pay holders the repurchase price solely in cash. In September 2008, as a result of certain holders of the Debentures exercising their put options, the Company repurchased \$79 of the Debentures for cash. The Company can redeem the debentures for cash at any time.

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Commercial Paper

The Company maintains a commercial paper program that allows the Company to have a maximum of \$2,250 in commercial paper outstanding, with maturities up to 364 days from the date of issuance. As of October 24, 2008 and April 25, 2008, outstanding commercial paper totaled \$853 and \$874, respectively. During the three and six months ended October 24, 2008, the weighted average original maturity of the commercial paper outstanding was approximately 47 days and 40 days, respectively, and the weighted average interest rate was 2.14 percent for both periods. The issuance of commercial paper reduces the amount of credit available under our existing lines of credit.

Lines of Credit

The Company has existing unsecured lines of credit of approximately \$2,802 with various banks at October 24, 2008. The existing lines of credit include a five-year \$1,750 syndicated credit facility dated December 20, 2006 that will expire on December 20, 2011 (Credit Facility). The Credit Facility provides backup funding for the commercial paper program and may also be used for general corporate purposes.

The Credit Facility provides the Company with the ability to increase its capacity by an additional \$500 at any time during the life of the five-year term of the agreement. The Company can also request the extension of the Credit Facility maturity date for one additional year on December 20, 2008, the second anniversary of the date of this facility.

Interest rates on these borrowings are determined by a pricing matrix, based on the Company s long-term debt ratings, assigned by Standard and Poor s Ratings Group and Moody s Investors Service. Facility fees are payable on the credit facilities and are determined in the same manner as the interest rates.

On November 2, 2007, the Company entered into a new Credit Agreement (New Credit Agreement) with the Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd. (New Lender). The New Credit Agreement provides for a \$300 unsecured revolving credit facility (New Facility) maturing November 2, 2010. In addition to certain initial fees, the Company is obligated to pay a commitment fee based on the total revolving commitment. Interest rates on these borrowings are determined by a pricing matrix, based on the Company s long-term debt ratings, assigned by Standard and Poor s Ratings Group and Moody s Investors Service. The New Credit Agreement contains customary representations and warranties of the Company as well as affirmative covenants regarding the Company. Upon the occurrence of an event of default as defined under the New Credit Agreement, the New Lender could elect to declare all amounts outstanding under the New Facility to be immediately due and payable. As of October 24, 2008 and April 25, 2008, \$0 and \$300, respectively, were outstanding on the New Facility.

Note 9 Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market, with cost determined on a first-in, first-out basis. Inventory balances are as follows:

	ober 24, 2008	pril 25, 2008
Finished goods	\$ 787	\$ 784
Work in process	262	250
Raw materials	299	250 246
Total	\$ 1,348	\$ 1,280

Note 10 Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets

The changes in the carrying amount of goodwill for the six months ended October 24, 2008 are as follows:

		October 24, 2008
Balance at April 25, 2008	\$	7,519
Goodwill as a result of acquisitions		11
Currency adjustment, net		(15)
Balance at October 24, 2008	\$	7,515
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Intangible assets, excluding goodwill, as of October 24, 2008 and April 25, 2008 are as follows:

	Purchased Technology and Patents			`rademarks and `radenames	Other	Total		
As of October 24, 2008:								
Amortizable intangible assets								
Original cost	\$	2,661	\$	373	\$ 238	\$	3,272	
Accumulated amortization		(713)		(199)	(162)		(1,074)	
Carrying value	\$	1,948	\$	174	\$ 76	\$	2,198	

As of April 25, 2008: Amortizable intangible assets				
Original cost	\$ 2,538	\$ 373	\$ 244	\$ 3,155
Accumulated amortization	(616)	(181)	(165)	(962)
Carrying value	\$ 1,922	\$ 192	\$ 79	\$ 2,193

Amortization expense for the three and six months ended October 24, 2008 was \$69 and \$135, respectively, and for the three and six months ended October 26, 2007 was \$44 and \$87, respectively.

Estimated aggregate amortization expense based on the current carrying value of amortizable intangible assets is as follows:

Fiscal Year	А	mortization Expense
Remaining 2009	\$	131
2010		266 257
2011		257
2012		230
2013		215
Thereafter		1,099
	\$	2,198

Note 11 Warranty Obligation

The Company offers a warranty on various products. The Company estimates the costs that may be incurred under its warranties and records a liability in the amount of such costs at the time the product is sold. Factors that affect the Company s warranty liability include the number of units sold, historical and anticipated rates of warranty claims and cost per claim. The Company periodically assesses the adequacy of its recorded warranty liabilities and adjusts the amounts as necessary. The amount of the reserve recorded is equal to the costs to repair or otherwise satisfy the claim.

Changes in the Company s product warranties during the six months ended October 24, 2008 and October 26, 2007 consist of the following:

		Six months ended							
			ber 24,)08		ober 26, 2007				
Balance at the beginning of the period		\$	43	\$	34				
Warranty claims provision			12		16				
Settlements made			(16)		(11)				
Balance at the end of the period		\$	39	\$	39				
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Note 12 Interest Expense/(Income), net

Interest income and interest expense for the three and six months ended October 24, 2008 and October 26, 2007 are as follows:

Three months ended

Siv months ended

		Three mor	inis chucu						
	October	r 24, 2008	Octob	per 26, 2007	Octobe	er 24, 2008	October 26, 2007		
Interest income	\$	(42)	\$	(125)	\$	(94)	\$	(223)	
Interest expense		52		64		113		118	
Interest expense/(income), net	\$	10	\$	(61)	\$	19	\$	(105)	

Interest income includes interest earned on the Company s cash and cash equivalents, short- and long-term investments and the net realized gain or loss on the sale or impairment of AFS debt securities.

Interest expense includes the expense associated with the interest that the Company pays on its outstanding borrowings, including short- and long-term instruments, and the amortization of debt issuance costs.

Note 13 Income Taxes

During the three and six months ended October 24, 2008, the Company recorded a \$16 tax benefit associated with the retroactive renewal and extension of the research and development credit enacted by the Tax Extenders and Alternative Minimum Tax Relief Act of 2008. The \$16 tax benefit relates to the first seven months of calendar year 2008 and is recorded in *provision for income taxes* on the condensed consolidated statements of earnings.

As of October 24, 2008, the Company had \$471 of gross unrecognized tax benefits and accrued interest and penalties of \$145. If all of the Company s unrecognized tax benefits were recognized, approximately \$388 would impact the Company s effective tax rate. The Company expects to receive the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS) field audit report for fiscal years 2005 and 2006 within the next twelve months. However, based on the status of the IRS field audit, the Company cannot reasonably estimate the potential changes to its unrecognized tax benefits. The Company continues to record the liability for unrecognized tax benefits as a long-term liability as it does not expect significant payments to occur or the total amount of unrecognized tax benefits to change significantly over the next twelve months. The Company will continue to recognize interest and penalties related to income tax matters in the *provision for income taxes* in the condensed consolidated statement of earnings and record the liability in the current or long-term *accrued income taxes*, as appropriate.

Tax audits associated with the allocation of income, and other complex issues, may require an extended period of time to resolve and may result in income tax adjustments if changes to the Company s allocation are required between jurisdictions with different tax rates. Tax authorities periodically review the Company s tax returns and propose adjustments to the Company s tax filings. The IRS has settled its audits with the Company for all years through fiscal year 1996. Tax years settled with the IRS may remain open for foreign tax audits and competent authority proceedings. Competent authority proceedings are a means to resolve intercompany pricing disagreements between countries.

In August 2003, the IRS proposed adjustments arising out of its audit of the fiscal years 1997, 1998 and 1999 tax returns. The Company initiated a defense of these adjustments at the IRS appellate level, and in the second quarter of fiscal year 2006 the Company reached settlement on most, but not all matters. The remaining issue relates to the allocation of income between Medtronic, Inc., and its wholly owned subsidiary in Switzerland. On April 16, 2008, the IRS issued a statutory notice of deficiency with respect to this remaining issue. The Company filed a Petition with the U.S. Tax Court on July 14, 2008 objecting to the deficiency and intends to defend its position vigorously.

In September 2005, the IRS issued its audit report for fiscal years 2000, 2001 and 2002. In addition, the IRS issued its audit report for fiscal years 2003 and 2004 in March 2007. The Company has reached agreement with the IRS on substantially all of the proposed adjustments for fiscal years 2000 through 2004. The only item of significance that remains open for these years relates to the carryover impact of the allocation of income issue proposed for fiscal years 1997 through 1999.

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The unresolved issue from the 1997 through 2004 tax audits, as well as tax positions taken by the IRS or foreign tax authorities during future tax audits, could have a material unfavorable impact on the Company s effective tax rate in future periods. The Company continues to believe that it has meritorious defenses for its tax filings and will vigorously defend them through litigation in the courts, as necessary.

Note 14 Earnings Per Share

Basic earnings per share is computed based on the weighted average number of common shares outstanding. Diluted earnings per share is computed based on the weighted average number of common shares outstanding increased by the number of additional shares that would have been outstanding had the potentially dilutive common shares been issued and reduced by the number of shares the Company could have repurchased from the proceeds from issuance of the potentially dilutive shares. Potentially dilutive shares of common stock include stock options and other stock-based awards granted under stock-based compensation plans and shares committed to be purchased under the employee stock purchase plan.

Presented below is a reconciliation between basic and diluted earnings per share:

	Three mor	nths er	Six months ended					
(shares in millions)	ober 24, 2008	0	october 26, 2007	0	ctober 24, 2008	(October 26, 2007	
Numerator:								
Net earnings	\$ 571	\$	666	\$	1,318	\$	1,341	
Denominator:								
Basic weighted average shares outstanding	1,120.4		1,133.1		1,120.5		1,136.1	
Effect of dilutive securities:								
Employee stock options	4.3		12.0		4.6		12.0	
Other	3.8		2.6		3.5		2.5	
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding	1,128.5		1,147.7		1,128.6		1,150.6	
Basic earnings per share	\$ 0.51	\$	0.59	\$	1.18	\$	1.18	
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.51	\$	0.58	\$	1.17	\$	1.17	

The calculation of weighted average diluted shares outstanding excludes options for approximately 22 million common shares for both the three and six months ended October 24, 2008, and approximately 13 million for both the three and six months ended October 26, 2007, as the exercise price of those options was greater than the average market price for the period, resulting in an anti-dilutive effect on diluted earnings per share. For the three and six months ended October 24, 2008 and October 26, 2007, common share equivalents related to the Company s \$4,400 of Senior Convertible Notes were anti-dilutive as the market price of the Company s stock was below the conversion price of the Senior Convertible Notes and, therefore, were excluded from the calculation of weighted average diluted shares.

Note 15 Comprehensive Income and Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income/(Loss)

In addition to net earnings, comprehensive income includes changes in foreign currency translation adjustments (including the change in current exchange rates, or spot rates, of net investment hedges), unrealized gains and losses on foreign exchange derivative contracts qualifying and designated as cash flow hedges, net changes in retirement obligations, and unrealized gains and losses on AFS marketable securities. Comprehensive income for the three months ended October 24, 2008 and October 26, 2007 was \$823 and \$624, respectively. Comprehensive income for the six months ended October 24, 2008 and October 26, 2007 was \$1,648 and \$1,273, respectively.

Presented below is a summary of activity for each component of accumulated other comprehensive income/(loss):

	Unrealiz on Inves		Cumulative Translation Adjustments		et Change in Retirement Obligations	Fo	Unrealized Gain/(Loss) on reign Exchange Derivatives	А	ccumulated Other Comprehensive Income/(Loss)
Balance April 25, 2008	\$	(41)	\$ 209) \$	(189)	\$	(266)	\$	(286)
Period Change		(9)	2	2	1		85		78
Balance July 25, 2008	\$	(50)	\$ 211	\$	(188)	\$	(181)	\$	(208)
Period Change		(51)	(134	4)	14		423		252

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Balance October 24, 2008	\$ (101) \$	77 \$	(174) \$	242 \$	44
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Translation adjustments are not adjusted for income taxes as substantially all translation adjustments relate to permanent investments in non-U.S. subsidiaries. The tax expense on the unrealized gain on foreign exchange derivatives for the three and six months ended October 24, 2008 was \$276 and \$329, respectively. The tax benefit on the unrealized loss on investments for the three and six months ended October 24, 2008 was \$25 and \$35, respectively. The tax benefit on the net change in retirement obligations was not material for the three and six months ended October 24, 2008 are \$25, 2008.

Note 16 Stock-Based Compensation

In fiscal year 2007, the Company adopted FASB SFAS No. 123 (revised 2004), Share-Based Payment (SFAS No. 123(R)) which replaced SFAS No. 123, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation (SFAS No. 123) and superseded Accounting Principles Board (APB) Opinion No. 25, Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees . Under the fair value recognition provisions of SFAS No. 123(R), the Company measures stock-based compensation cost at the grant date based on the fair value of the award and recognizes the compensation expense over the requisite service period, which is generally the vesting period. The Company elected the modified-prospective method of adopting SFAS No. 123(R), under which prior periods were not retroactively restated. The provisions of SFAS No. 123(R) apply to awards granted after the April 29, 2006 effective date. Stock-based compensation expense for the non-vested portion of awards granted prior to the effective date is being recognized over the remaining service period using the fair-value based compensation cost estimated for SFAS No. 123 pro forma disclosures.

The following table presents the components and classification of stock-based compensation expense recognized for the three and six months ended October 24, 2008 and October 26, 2007:

	Three months ended					Six months ended				
	October 24, 2008			ber 26, 007	October 24, 2008		October 26, 2007			
Stock options	\$	33	\$	28	\$	66	\$	58		
Restricted stock awards		17		13		34		26		
Employee stock purchase plan		3		3		8		8		
Total stock-based compensation expense	\$	53	\$	44	\$	108	\$	92		
Cost of products sold	\$	6	\$	5	\$	13	\$	11		
Research and development expense		13		11		26		23		
Selling, general and administrative expense		34		28		69		58		
Total stock-based compensation expense	\$	53	\$	44	\$	108	\$	92		

In connection with the acquisition of Kyphon on November 2, 2007, the Company assumed Kyphon s unvested stock-based awards. These awards are amortized over 2.5 years, which was their remaining weighted average vesting period at the time of acquisition. For the three and six months ended October 24, 2008, the Company recognized \$5 and \$12, respectively, of stock-based compensation expense associated with the assumed Kyphon awards. See Note 3 for further discussion of the Kyphon acquisition.

Note 17 Retirement Benefit Plans

The Company sponsors various retirement benefit plans, including defined benefit pension plans (pension benefits), post-retirement medical plans (post-retirement benefits), defined contribution savings plans and termination indemnity plans, covering substantially all U.S. employees and many employees outside the U.S. The net periodic benefit cost of the pension and post-retirement medical plans include the following components for the three and six months ended October 24, 2008 and October 26, 2007:

	τ	U.S. Pensio	on Benef	fits	No	n-U.S. Pen	sion Ber	nefits	Po	Post-Retirement Benef		
	,	Three mor	nths end	ed	1	Three mor	ths ende	ed		Three mor	ths ende	d
		ber 24,)08		ber 26, 2007		ber 24,)08		per 26, 007		ber 24, 008	Octob 20	er 26, 07
Service cost	\$	18	\$	18	\$	8	\$	7	\$	4	\$	4
Interest cost		15		13		6		4		3		3
Expected return on plan assets		(25)		(21)		(6)		(4)		(3)		(3)
Recognized actuarial loss		1		3								
Net periodic benefit cost		9		13		8		7		4		4
Special termination benefits												
Total cost for period	\$	9	\$	13	\$	8	\$	7	\$	4	\$	4
	ι	U.S. Pension Benefits			Non-U.S. Pension Benefits				Post-Retirement Benefits			
		Six mont	hs ende	d	Six months ended				Six months ended			
		ber 24,)08		ober 26, 2007		ber 24,)08		ber 26, 007		ber 24, 008	Octob 20	oer 26, 07
Service cost	\$	36	\$	36	\$	16	\$	15	\$	8	\$	8
Interest cost		30		26		12		8		6		6
Expected return on plan assets		(49)		(42)		(12)		(9)		(6)		(6)
Recognized actuarial loss		2		6				1				1
Net periodic benefit cost		19		26		16		15		8		9
Special termination benefits				3								1

As a result of the fiscal year 2007 restructuring initiative that began in the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2007, the Company has recognized special termination benefits in the six months ended October 26, 2007 related to employees electing to accept early retirement packages provided under the restructuring initiatives. The incremental expense from these special termination benefits is reflected in the table above.

Note 18 Contingencies

The Company is involved in a number of legal actions. The outcomes of these legal actions are not within the Company s complete control and may not be known for prolonged periods of time. In some actions, the claimants seek damages, as well as other relief, including injunctions barring the sale of products that are the subject of the lawsuit, that could require significant expenditures or result in lost revenues. In accordance with SFAS No. 5, Accounting for Contingencies (SFAS No. 5), the Company records a liability in the consolidated financial statements for these actions when a loss is known or considered probable and the amount can be reasonably estimated. If the reasonable estimate of a known or probable loss is a range, and no amount within the range is a better estimate than any other, the minimum amount of the range is accrued. If a loss is possible but not known or probable, and can be reasonably estimated, the estimated loss or range of loss is disclosed. In most cases, significant judgment is required to estimate the amount and timing of a loss to be recorded. While it is not possible to predict the outcome for most of the matters discussed, the Company believes it is possible that costs associated with them could have a material adverse impact on the Company s consolidated earnings, financial position or cash flows on any one interim or annual period. With the exception of Cordis, Fastenetix and some of the Marquis matters discussed below, negative outcomes for the balance of the litigation matters are not considered probable or cannot be reasonably estimated.

Litigation with Cordis Corporation

On October 6, 1997, Cordis Corporation (Cordis), a subsidiary of J&J, filed suit in U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware against Arterial Vascular Engineering, Inc., which Medtronic acquired in January 1999 and which is now known as Medtronic Vascular, Inc. (Medtronic Vascular). The suit alleged that Medtronic Vascular s previously marketed stents infringe certain patents owned by Cordis. Boston Scientific Corporation is also a defendant in this suit. On December 22, 2000, a jury rendered a verdict that Medtronic Vascular s previously marketed MicroStent and GFX stents infringed valid claims of two Cordis patents and awarded damages to Cordis totaling approximately \$270. On March 28, 2002, the District Court entered an order in favor of Medtronic Vascular, deciding as a matter of law that Medtronic Vascular s MicroStent and GFX stents did not infringe the patents. Cordis appealed, and on August 12, 2003, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit reversed the District Court s decision and remanded the case to the District Court for further proceedings. The District Court thereafter issued a new patent claim construction and a new trial was held in March 2005. On March 14, 2005, the jury found that the previously marketed MicroStent and GFX stent products infringed valid claims of Cordis patents. On March 27, 2006, the District Court denied post-trial motions filed by the parties, including Cordis motion to reinstate the previous damages award. On April 26, 2006, Medtronic filed its Notice of Appeal of the judgment of infringement. On January 7, 2008, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit upheld the District Court s judgment of infringement. On September 15, 2008, the District Court granted Cordis s motion for final judgment against Medtronic Vascular, reinstating the jury verdict from December 2000, including accrued interest. On September 30, 2008, the District Court entered judgment in favor of Cordis in the amount of \$521, which included interest. On October 15, 2008, Medtronic and Cordis settled this matter through the combination of a payment of \$472 to Cordis and settlement of certain other disputes between the companies. In accordance with SFAS No. 5, Medtronic recorded a \$243 charge in the third quarter of fiscal year 2008 and a \$229 charge in the second quarter of fiscal year 2009 relating to this matter. See Note 4 for further discussion regarding the settlement agreement.

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Litigation with Wyeth and Cordis Corporation

On February 22, 2008, Wyeth and Cordis filed a lawsuit against the Company and its subsidiary, Medtronic AVE, Inc., in U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey, alleging that Medtronic s Endeavor drug eluting stent infringes three U.S. Morris patents alleged to be owned by Wyeth and exclusively licensed to Cordis. On May 15, 2008, the District Court stayed the lawsuit filed by Wyeth and Cordis pending the result of a then pending arbitration between Cordis and Medtronic which include the three Morris patents. In October 2008, the parties reached an agreement to settle the arbitration, in which Medtronic received a license to certain Cordis patents, and, on October 27, 2008, in accordance with the agreement, the District Court lifted the stay, allowing the litigation regarding the Morris patents to proceed. The Company believes it is indemnified for the claims made by Wyeth and Cordis. The Company has not recorded an expense related to damages in connection with these matters because any potential loss is not currently probable or reasonably estimable under SFAS No. 5.

Litigation with Johnson & Johnson and Cordis Corporation

On February 20, 2006, an arbitration panel issued a final, non-appealable award concluding that Medtronic Vascular s S670, S660, S540, S7 and Driver stents, which were formerly the subject of a patent infringement dispute between J&J and Cordis and Medtronic Vascular, are licensed under a 1997 agreement between the two companies and subject to a covenant not to sue contained within a 1998 amendment to the 1997 agreement. Cordis since initiated six arbitration proceedings against Medtronic Vascular alleging that certain of the products infringe certain patents of J&J and Cordis, and is seeking royalties for such infringement, if any. The first arbitration proceeding, currently scheduled for March 30, 2009, will determine whether multiple Medtronic stent products are infringing a single Cordis patent. Each of the remaining five arbitrations, however, as required under the 1997 agreement, will only address whether a single Medtronic stent product infringes another group of Cordis patents. The first of the remaining five arbitrations is scheduled to be heard in June 2009, but dates have not been set for hearings for the remaining arbitrations. The Company has not recorded an expense related to damages in this matter because any potential loss is not currently probable or reasonably estimable under SFAS No. 5.

Litigation with Abbott Cardiovascular Systems Inc.

On December 24, 1997, Abbott Cardiovascular Systems Inc. (ACS), a subsidiary of Abbott Laboratories, sued Medtronic Vascular in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California alleging that certain models of Medtronic Vascular s bare metal stents infringe the Lau stent patents held by ACS, and seeking injunctive relief and monetary damages. Medtronic Vascular denies infringement. In February 2005, following trial in Delaware federal district court, a jury determined that the ACS Lau stent patents were valid and that Medtronic s Driver, GFX, MicroStent, S540, S660, S670, Bestent2 and S7 stents (the bare metal stents) infringe those patents. Medtronic Vascular made numerous post-trial motions challenging the jury s verdict of infringement and validity. In August 2005, the Court issued an order continuing a stay of any further proceedings on the questions of damages or willful infringement.

On March 30, 2007, the District Court denied Medtronic s post-trial motions, and on April 24, 2007, the District Court ruled that the patents were enforceable. In May 2007, the District Court entered judgment in favor of ACS and against Medtronic Vascular on the issues of validity, infringement and enforceability of the Lau patents. On May 18, 2007, the District Court confirmed that a trial on issues of damages or willful infringement would be deferred pending the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit review of the liability issues concerning alleged infringement, invalidity and inequitable conduct.

ACS filed a motion for injunction in the District Court on June 29, 2007 on both the bare metal stents and the Endeavor drug eluting stent, which had never previously been named as an accused product in the lawsuit. On July 6, 2007, Medtronic filed its motion to stay ACS s June 29, 2007 motion for a permanent injunction pending arbitration under a 2002 agreement with Abbott providing Medtronic with a license that Medtronic asserted precluded the ACS injunction motion.

On August 6, 2007, the Delaware District Court granted Medtronic s July 6, 2007 motion to stay, in part, permitting arbitration to proceed on Medtronic s assertion that it has a license to practice the U.S. Lau patents in its Endeavor stent. On February 26, 2008, an arbitrator concluded that the Company was not licensed to practice the U.S. Lau patents in its Endeavor stent and ACS filed a sealed motion with the District Court seeking to lift the July 6, 2007 stay of proceedings on ACS s motion for an injunction as to Endeavor. On September 29, 2008, the Delaware District Court granted ACS s motion to lift the stay of proceedings with regard to Endeavor and then denied ACS s motion for a permanent injunction with respect to both Driver and Endeavor. On October 2, 2008, Medtronic filed its Notice of Appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit with respect to the May 2007 judgment in favor of ACS, and all other adverse rulings to Medtronic. On October 15, 2008, ACS appealed from the District Court s September 29, 2008 order denying ACS s request for a permanent injunction.

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On June 18, 2008, Abbott initiated legal proceedings in the Netherlands against Medtronic BV, Medtronic Trading NL BV and BV Medtronic FSC asserting that certain of Medtronic s Driver, Endeavor and Endeavor Resolute large vessel diameter stents infringe an Abbott European Lau patent issued on June 18, 2008. A hearing took place on August 7, 2008 in the Netherlands district court in The Hague to consider Abbott s request for a preliminary injunction against infringement in the Netherlands. On August 28, 2008, the court granted Abbott a preliminary injunction against Medtronic prohibiting Medtronic from making, selling and distributing certain large vessel diameter Medtronic stents in the Netherlands. The affected stents are Medtronic s large vessel stents, 4.0mm and larger and one stent sized 3.5mm by 9mm. The injunction does not apply outside of the Netherlands, and Medtronic has alternative means in place for distribution of the affected stents outside of the Netherlands while the preliminary injunction remains in effect. Medtronic has appealed the preliminary decision and will also challenge this preliminary ruling at a full trial on the merits of Abbott s claims currently scheduled for February 6, 2009. The European Lau patent remains subject to challenges to the patent s validity in opposition proceedings in the European patent office as well as in the proceedings in court in the Netherlands. Abbott has filed similar lawsuits against Medtronic s large vessel bare metal stents in France, Germany and Japan. In the German proceeding, a trial date is set for August 2009. Hearing dates are not yet scheduled in France and Japan.

In response to Medtronic s Request for Reexamination for each of the four Lau patents, in December 2006, the USPTO issued an initial office action finding that the claims which Medtronic products were previously found to have infringed were not patentable. The USPTO granted a second petition to reexamine each of the four Lau patents in 2007. On June 30, 2008, the USPTO determined for a second time that all of the claims of the earliest Lau patent (US 5,514,154) that Medtronic was found to infringe were invalid. After granting a third petition to reexamine two of the other four Lau patents (US 6,066,167 and 6,066,168) in 2008, on September 30, 2008, the USPTO again determined that all claims of those two Lau patents that Medtronic was found to have infringed were invalid. Finally, with respect to the fourth and latest issued Lau patent (US 6,432,133), on March 3, 2008, the USPTO again determined that all claims of this Lau patent that Medtronic was found to infringe were invalid with the exception of a single claim. This latest issued Lau patent is involved in a reexamination proceeding, which allows Medtronic to participate in the USPTO proceedings. Responses to the USPTO s rejection of the claims of this patent were filed by both parties in October 2008. The patent holder will have an opportunity to challenge the USPTO s determinations in further proceedings in the reexaminations. Until these reexaminations are concluded, their potential impact upon the claims relating to the Lau patents in the above proceeding remains unknown.

The Company has not recorded an expense related to damages in this matter because any potential loss is not currently probable or reasonably estimable under SFAS No. 5.

Litigation with DePuy Spine

On January 26, 2001, DePuy Spine (formerly DePuy/AcroMed), a subsidiary of J&J, and Biedermann Motech GmbH (collectively, DePuy) filed suit in U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts alleging that Medtronic s subsidiary, Medtronic Sofamor Danek USA, Inc. (MSD), was infringing a patent relating to a design for a thoracolumbar multi-axial screw (MAS). DePuy subsequently supplemented its allegations to claim that MSD s M10, M8 and Vertex screws infringe the patent. On April 17, 2003 and February 26, 2004, the District Court ruled on summary judgment that the M10, M8 and Vertex screws do not infringe. On October 1, 2004, a jury found that MAS screws, which MSD no longer sells in the U.S., infringe under the doctrine of equivalents. The jury awarded damages of \$21 and on February 9, 2005, the Court entered

judgment against MSD, including prejudgment interest, in the aggregate amount of \$24. In the third quarter of fiscal year 2005, the Company recorded an expense equal to the \$24 judgment in the matter. DePuy appealed the Court s decisions that the M10, M8 and Vertex screws do not infringe, and MSD appealed the jury s verdict that the MAS screws infringe valid claims of the patent. On November 20, 2006, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit affirmed the decision of the District Court that the M10 and M8 screws do not infringe, affirmed the jury s verdict and damage award on the MAS screws, affirmed the decision that the Vertex screws do not literally infringe, but remanded the case, ruling that there is a triable issue of fact as to whether the Vertex screws infringe under the doctrine of equivalents. On remand, DePuy further supplemented its allegations to claim that an additional product, the Vertex Max screws, also infringe. On March 20, 2007, the District Court declined to stay execution of the judgment relating to the MAS product. On March 30, 2007, the judgment plus accrued interest was paid under protest. On May 30, 2007, the USPTO ordered reexamination of the patent and on March 5, 2008, confirmed the patentability of the claims in the patent. On September 27, 2007, a jury found that the Vertex and Vertex Max screws infringe under the doctrine of equivalents and awarded \$226 in damages to DePuy, and the District Court entered judgment against Medtronic on December 12, 2007. Thereafter, the District Court ruled on all post-trial motions, increasing the award to DePuy to an estimated amount of \$272. The District Court also granted a permanent injunction against Medtronic that prohibits Medtronic from making, using and selling Vertex and Vertex Max polyaxial screws in the U.S.; however, Medtronic s recently-introduced Vertex Select multi-axial screw is not affected by the injunction. Medtronic has appealed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. DePuy has cross-appealed. Oral arguments have been set for January 5, 2009. The Company believes that an unfavorable outcome in this matter is not probable. Accordingly, the Company has not recorded any additional expense related to damages in this matter because any potential loss is not currently probable under SFAS No. 5.

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Litigation with Cross Medical Products, Inc.

On May 2, 2003, Cross Medical Products, Inc. (Cross) sued MSD in the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California. The suit alleges that MSD s CD Horizon, Vertex and Crosslink products infringe certain patents owned by Cross. MSD has countered that Cross plate products infringe certain patents of MSD, and Cross has filed a reply alleging that certain MSD cervical plate products infringe certain patents of Cross. On May 19, 2004, the Court found that the MAS, Vertex, M8, M10, CD Horizon Sextant and CD Horizon Legacy screw products infringe one Cross patent. A hearing on the validity of that patent was held on July 12, 2004, after which the District Court ruled that the patents were valid. Cross made a motion for permanent injunction on the multi-axial screw products, which the District Court granted on September 20, 2004, but stayed the effect of the injunction until January 3, 2005. MSD requested an expedited appeal of the ruling and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit granted the request. On September 30, 2005, the Federal Circuit vacated the injunction, modified the trial court s claim construction rulings, and remanded the matter for trial in the District Court. The Federal Circuit awarded costs to Medtronic on the appeal. In April 2005, the District Court ruled invalid certain claims in the patents Cross asserted against MSD s Crosslink and cervical plate products. The Court also ruled that Cross cervical plate products infringe MSD s valid patents and that MSD s redesigned pedicle screw products infringe one claim of one of the patents owned by Cross. Cross thereafter moved for an injunction against the redesigned screw products, which the District Court granted on May 24, 2005. The District Court then stayed the effectiveness of the injunction until August 22, 2005. On July 27, 2005, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit granted MSD s motion to stay the District Court s injunction pending a full hearing on the appeal. On March 20, 2007, the Federal Circuit ruled that MSD s current multi-axial screw products do not infringe any claim of Cross patent and vacated the District Court s injunction, which had already been stayed. On February 28, 2008, the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California found that the remaining patent claims asserted against MSD s polyaxial screws are invalid. The trial scheduled for April 29, 2008, has been vacated, and a new trial date on remaining issues has not been set. The Company has not recorded an expense related to damages in this matter because any potential loss is not currently probable or reasonably estimable under SFAS No. 5.

Separately, on February 1, 2006, MSD filed a lawsuit against Biomet Inc., the corporate parent of Cross (Biomet) and its subsidiary EBI Spine, L.P., for patent infringement. The suit, which involves seven Medtronic patents and seeks injunctive relief and monetary damages, was filed in the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey. Three of the patents were purchased by Medtronic from Gary Michelson, M.D. and Karlin Technology, Inc. and involve single-lock anterior cervical plating systems used in cervical spinal fusions. Medtronic claims that a cervical plate marketed by Biomet under the trade name VueLock Anterior Cervical Plate System, and openly promoted as a plate that has a Secure One Step Locking mechanism feature, infringes these patents. The other patents involve instruments and surgical implantation methods commonly used in spinal surgeries to implant pedicle screws.

Litigation with Fastenetix LLC

In May 2006, Fastenetix LLC (Fastenetix), a patent holding company, sued MSD in the U. S. District Court for the District of New Jersey, alleging breach of a royalty agreement, or, in the alternative, infringement of certain reissue patents held by Fastenetix. The products within the scope of the litigation consisted of Medtronic multiaxial pedicle screws, including the M8, M10, and multiaxial versions of Legacy, CD Horizon, Sextant, SILO Spinal System and Basis Thoracolumbar system. On September, 24, 2008, the parties reached a settlement resolving this matter. The District Court case was dismissed with prejudice on September 30, 2008. In accordance with SFAS No. 5, Medtronic recorded a \$37 charge in the second quarter of fiscal year 2009 relating to the settlement of this matter.

Marquis/Maximo/InSync Matters

On February 10, 2005, Medtronic voluntarily began to advise physicians about the possibility that a specific battery shorting mechanism might manifest itself in a subset of ICDs and cardiac resynchronization therapy-defibrillators (CRT-Ds). These included certain Marquis VR/DR and Maximo VR/DR ICDs and certain InSync I/II/III CRT-D devices. Subsequent to this voluntary field action, a number of lawsuits were filed against the Company alleging a variety of claims, including individuals asserting claims of personal injury and third party payors alleging entitlement to reimbursement. Many of these lawsuits were settled, and in the third quarter of fiscal year 2008, the Company recorded an expense of \$123 relating to the settlement in accordance with SFAS No. 5 as the potential loss was both probable and reasonably estimable. Currently, there remain a limited number of immaterial, individual lawsuits and one third party payor putative class action relating to the same subject matter. In addition, class action product liability suits pending in Canada are consolidated in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice. That court certified a class proceeding on December 6, 2007 and denied Medtronic s leave to appeal certification on May 15, 2008. The class was certified to include individual implant recipients and their family members. In addition, the subrogated claims of the provincial health insurers to recover costs incurred in providing medical services to the implant class are claimed in the class proceeding. The case is at an early procedural stage during which notice of the certification will be sent to class members and the parties will engage in discovery. Discovery is expected to be completed during 2009. The Company has not recorded an expense related to damages for the remaining suits because any potential loss is not currently probable or reasonably estimable under SFAS No. 5.

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Sprint Fidelis Matters

On October 15, 2007, the Company voluntarily suspended worldwide distribution of its Sprint Fidelis (Fidelis) family of defibrillation leads. This decision was based on a variety of factors that, when viewed together, indicated that suspending distribution was the appropriate action. At the time, Fidelis lead viability was trending lower than other Company defibrillation leads, but had not then become statistically significant. The leads are used to deliver therapy in patients with ICDs, but are generally not used in pacemaker patients. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) subsequently classified the Company s action as a Class I recall. As of November 26, 2008, approximately 930 lawsuits regarding the Fidelis leads have been filed against the Company, including approximately 36 putative class action suits reflecting a total of approximately 1.450 individual personal injury cases. In general, the suits allege claims of product liability, warranty, negligence, unjust enrichment, emotional distress and consumer protection violations. One lawsuit includes a claim by an individual purporting to act as a surrogate for the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and one lawsuit has been brought by a third party payor as a putative class action suit. In addition, one putative class action has been filed in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice in Canada. Approximately 255 of the lawsuits have been filed in state court, generally alleging similar causes of action. Of those state court actions, approximately 235 are consolidated before a single judge in Hennepin County District Court in the state of Minnesota. The federal court cases have been consolidated for pretrial proceedings before a single federal judge in the U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota pursuant to the MDL rules. The MDL court has entered an Order staying all discovery pending the outcome of a December 17, 2008 hearing on Medtronic s motion to dismiss the complaints. The Company has not recorded an expense related to damages in connection with the matter because any potential loss is not currently probable or reasonably estimable under SFAS No. 5.

On November 8, 2007, a putative class action complaint was filed against the Company and certain of its officers in the U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota, alleging violations of Section 10b-5 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 10b-5 thereunder. The complaint is brought on behalf of persons or entities who purchased securities of Medtronic during the period of June 25, 2007 through October 15, 2007. The complaint alleges that materially false and misleading representations were made as to the market acceptance and use of the Fidelis defibrillator leads to artificially inflate Medtronic s stock price. Pursuant to court order, the caption of the case was changed to *Medtronic, Inc., Securities Litigation,* and a consolidated putative class action complaint was filed on April 18, 2008. The Company has filed a motion to dismiss the consolidated class action complaint with prejudice, and a hearing date is scheduled for January 27, 2009. On November 29 and December 14, 2007 respectively, Feivel Gottlieb and Alan Weinberg filed shareholder derivative actions in Hennepin County District Court in the state of Minnesota against both the Company and certain of its officers and directors, alleging breach of fiduciary duty, waste of corporate assets and other claims arising from the same subject matter as the consolidated class action complaint. In addition, on August 11, 2008, a complaint was filed against the Company and certain directors, officers, and other company personnel in the U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota, alleging violations of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act arising from the same subject matter as the consolidated class complaint. The complaint was filed on behalf of a putative class of participants in and beneficiaries of the Medtronic Inc. Saving and Investment Plan whose individual accounts hold shares of company stock at any time from February 15, 2007 to November 19, 2007.

Similarly, on January 9, 2008, Iris Markewich filed a shareholder derivative action against both the Company and certain of its officers, directors, and employees (the defendants) in the U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota, alleging breach of fiduciary duty, waste of corporate assets and other claims arising from the same subject matter as the consolidated class action complaint. After the defendants moved to dismiss the complaint, the plaintiffs amended their complaint to add allegations relating to alleged off-label promotion of INFUSE Bone Graft.

The defendants have filed a motion to dismiss, which has been set for hearing on January 27, 2009.

The Company has not recorded an expense related to damages in connection with these Fidelis-related shareholder matters because any potential loss is not currently probable or reasonably estimable under SFAS No. 5.

Other Matters

Medtronic is a licensee to the RE 38,119 patent (119 Patent) and RE 38,897 patent (897 Patent) owned by Mirowski Family Ventures, LLC (Mirowski) relating to the treatment of hemodynamic dysfunction. Medtronic and Mirowski dispute the application of the 119 and 897 Patents to certain Medtronic cardiac resynchronization products. The parties entered into a tolling agreement deferring and conditioning any litigation of the dispute upon conditions precedent. The tolling agreement expired on October 1, 2007. In subsequent notices, Mirowski identified certain claims of the two patents that Mirowski asserts Medtronic is using. On December 17, 2007, Medtronic filed an action in U.S. District Court in Delaware seeking a declaration that none of its products infringe any valid claims of either the 119 or 897 Patents. If certain conditions are fulfilled, the 119 and/or 897 Patents are determined to be valid and the Medtronic products are found to infringe the 119 and/or 897 Patents, Medtronic will be obligated to pay royalities to Mirowski based upon sales of certain CRT-D products. As of October 24, 2008, the amount of disputed royalities and interest related to CRT-D products is \$95. This amount has not been accrued because the outcome is not currently probable under SFAS No. 5.

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In addition, Medtronic is a licensee to the 4,407,288 Patent (288 Patent) owned by Mirowski relating to ICDs. Until November 2001, Medtronic accrued and paid royalties under the license based on a percentage of ICD sales. Medtronic and Mirowski dispute the application of the 288 Patent to certain Medtronic ICD products. In November 2001, Medtronic ceased paying royalties and entered into an agreement with Mirowski to pay putative royalties into an interest-bearing escrow account through the expiration of the 288 Patent in December of 2003. As of October 24, 2008, the current balance in the interest-bearing escrow account is \$82. The parties also entered into a tolling agreement deferring and conditioning any litigation of the obligation to pay royalties upon certain conditions precedent. If these conditions are fulfilled and the patent determined to be invalid or Medtronic s products found not to infringe, the escrowed funds will be released to Medtronic.

In the normal course of business, the Company periodically enters into agreements that require it to indemnify customers or suppliers for specific risks, such as claims for injury or property damage arising out of the Company s products or the negligence of its personnel or claims alleging that its products infringe third-party patents or other intellectual property. The Company s maximum exposure under these indemnification provisions cannot be estimated, and the Company has not accrued any liabilities within the consolidated financial statements. Historically, the Company has not experienced significant losses on these types of indemnifications.

Note 19 Segment and Geographic Information

Segment information:

During fiscal year 2008, the Company revised its operating segment reporting to separate the Navigation business from Spinal. For most of fiscal year 2008, Navigation was reported as part of a stand alone segment named Corporate Technologies and New Ventures. In the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2008, the decision was made to include the Navigation business as a component of the Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) segment, which was renamed Surgical Technologies to reflect the expanding scope and focus of this business. As a result, the Company now functions in seven operating segments, consisting of CRDM, Spinal, CardioVascular, Neuromodulation, Diabetes, Surgical Technologies, and Physio-Control. The applicable information for the three and six months ended October 26, 2007 has been reclassified to conform to the current presentation of seven operating segments.

Each of the Company s operating segments have similar economic characteristics, technology, manufacturing processes, customers, distribution and marketing strategies, regulatory environments, and shared infrastructures. Net sales by operating segment are as follows:

	Three mo	nths end	led		d		
	October 24, 2008		October 26, 2007		October 24, 2008		ober 26, 2007
Cardiac Rhythm Disease Management	\$ 1.242	\$	1.148	\$	2,546	\$	2.383

Spinal	829	660	1,687	1,304
CardioVascular	596	490	1,227	976
Neuromodulation	343	321	691	610
Diabetes	272	246	541	486
Surgical Technologies	213	185	415	358
Physio-Control	75	74	169	133
Total Net Sales	\$ 3,570	\$ 3,124	\$ 7,276	\$ 6,250

On December 4, 2006, the Company announced its intention to pursue a spin-off of Physio-Control into an independent, publicly traded company. Physio-Control is the Company s wholly-owned subsidiary that offers external defibrillators, emergency response systems, data management solutions and support services used by hospitals and emergency response personnel. However, shortly thereafter, on January 15, 2007, the Company announced a voluntary suspension of U.S. shipments of Physio-Control products manufactured at its facility in Redmond, Washington in order to address quality system issues. In the months following the suspension of U.S. shipments, the Company worked diligently with the FDA to address the quality system issues and resumed limited shipments to critical customers. As a result of the work performed, on April 28, 2008, the Company announced that it had reached an agreement on a consent decree with the FDA regarding quality system improvements for its external defibrillator products. The agreement was filed on April 25, 2008 in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington and was approved by the court on May 9, 2008. The agreement addresses issues raised by the FDA during inspections regarding Physio-Control s quality system processes and outlines the actions Physio-Control must take in order to resume unrestricted distribution of its external defibrillators. In fiscal year 2008, Physio-Control had resumed limited shipments to critical need customers in the U.S. Following the resolution of the quality system issues, the Company intends to pursue the spin-off of Physio-Control. Physio-Control s loss before interest and income taxes for the three and six months ended October 24, 2008 is \$(12) and \$(17), respectively and for the three and six months ended October 26, 2007 is \$(9) and \$(30), respectively.

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Geographic information

Net sales to external customers by geography are as follows:

	Three months ended					Six months ended			
	,		October 26, 2007		October 24, 2008		tober 26, 2007		
United States	\$	2,196	\$	1,958	\$	4,445	\$	3,906	
Europe		868		718		1,817		1,457	
Asia Pacific		382		339		768		679	
Other Foreign		124		109		246		208	
Total Net Sales	\$	3,570	\$	3,124	\$	7,276	\$	6,250	

Note 20 Subsequent Event

On November 12, 2008, the Company acquired CryoCath Technologies Inc. (CryoCath). Under the terms of the agreement announced on September 25, 2008, CryoCath shareholders received \$8.75 Canadian dollars per share in cash for each share of CryoCath common stock that they owned. Total consideration for the transaction was approximately \$355 U.S. dollars including the purchase of outstanding CryoCath common stock, the assumption and settlement of existing CryoCath debt and payment of direct acquisition costs.

CryoCath develops cryotherapy products to treat cardiac arrhythmias. CryoCath s Arctic Front product is a minimally invasive cryo-balloon catheter designed specifically to treat atrial fibrillation and is currently approved in certain markets outside the U.S.

Item 2. Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

Understanding Our Financial Information

The following discussion and analysis provides information management believes to be relevant to understanding the financial condition and results of operations of Medtronic, Inc. (Medtronic or the Company). For a full understanding of financial condition and results of operations, you should read this discussion along with Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended April 25, 2008. In addition, you should read this discussion along with our condensed consolidated financial statements and related Notes thereto as of October 24, 2008.

Financial Trends

Throughout this financial information, you may read about transactions or events that materially contribute to or reduce earnings and materially affect financial trends. We refer to these transactions and events as either special (such as asset impairments), restructuring, certain litigation, and purchased in-process research and development (IPR&D) charges, or certain tax adjustments. These charges, or benefits, result from facts and circumstances that vary in frequency and/or impact to operations. While understanding these charges is important in understanding and evaluating financial trends, other transactions or events may also have a material impact on financial trends. A complete understanding of the special, restructuring, certain litigation, and IPR&D charges and certain tax adjustments is necessary in order to estimate the likelihood that financial trends will continue.

Executive Level Overview

We are the global leader in medical technology - alleviating pain, restoring health and extending life for millions of people around the world. During fiscal year 2008, we revised our operating segment reporting to separate the Navigation business from Spinal. For most of fiscal year 2008, Navigation was reported as part of a stand-alone segment named Corporate Technologies and New Ventures. In the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2008, the decision was made to include the Navigation business as a component of the Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) segment, which was renamed Surgical Technologies to reflect the expanding scope and focus of this business. As a result, the Company now functions in seven operating segments, consisting of Cardiac Rhythm Disease Management (CRDM), Spinal, CardioVascular, Neuromodulation, Diabetes, Surgical Technologies, and Physio-Control. The applicable information for the three and six months ended October 26, 2007 has been reclassified to conform to the current presentation of seven operating segments.

Through these seven operating segments, we develop, manufacture, and market our medical devices in more than 120 countries worldwide. Our primary products include those for cardiac rhythm disorders, cardiovascular disease, neurological disorders, spinal conditions and musculoskeletal trauma, urological and digestive disorders, diabetes, and ear, nose, and throat conditions.

Net earnings for the second quarter of fiscal year 2009 were \$571 million, or \$0.51 per diluted share, as compared to net earnings of \$666 million, or \$0.58 per diluted share for the same period in the prior fiscal year, representing a decrease of 14 percent and 12 percent, respectively. Net earnings for the three months ended October 24, 2008 include after-tax certain litigation and IPR&D charges that decreased net earnings by \$187 million. There were no such items in the three months ended October 26, 2007. See further discussion of these charges in the Restructuring, Certain Litigation, and IPR&D Charges section of this management s discussion and analysis. The decrease in net earnings for the three months ended October 24, 2008 was driven primarily by the impact of these certain litigation and IPR&D charges in the quarter.

Net earnings for the six months ended October 24, 2008 were \$1.318 billion, or \$1.17 per diluted share, as compared to net earnings of \$1.341 billion, or \$1.17 per diluted share for the same period in the prior fiscal year, representing a decrease of 2 percent and zero percent, respectively. Net earnings for the six months ended October 24, 2008 included after-tax restructuring, certain litigation and IPR&D charges that decreased net earnings by \$253 million. Net earnings for the six months ended October 26, 2007 included after-tax restructuring and IPR&D charges that decreased net earnings by \$36 million. See further discussion of these charges in the Restructuring, Certain Litigation, and IPR&D Charges section of this management s discussion and analysis. The decrease in net earnings for the six months ended October 24, 2008 was driven primarily by the impact of these restructuring, certain litigation and IPR&D charges.

The table below illustrates net sales by operating segment for the three and six months ended October 24, 2008 and October 26, 2007:

	Three months ended					Six months ended					
(dollars in millions)		ober 24, 2008		ober 26, 2007	% Change	(October 24, 2008	0	October 26, 2007	% Change	
Cardiac Rhythm Disease Management	\$	1,242	\$	1,148	8%	, \$	5 2,546	\$	2,383	7%	

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Spinal	829	660	26	1,687	1,304	29
CardioVascular	596	490	22	1,227	976	26
Neuromodulation	343	321	7	691	610	13
Diabetes	272	246	11			