

SafeStitch Medical, Inc.  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Starling William N JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SafeStitch Medical, Inc. [SFES.OB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
3284 ALPINE ROAD  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
10/24/2013

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

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

PORTOLA VALLEY, CA 94028  
(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	10/24/2013		M		64,872	A	\$ 0.07	676,121	I	By W. Starling, Jr. and D. Starling, Trustees of the Starling Family Trust, UDT August 15, 1990
Common Stock								23,066	I	By Mark Starling, Trustee of

						the William N. Starling, Jr. and Dana Gregory Starling 1990 Irrevocable
Common Stock				1,960,610	I	By Synecor, L.L.C. <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock				16,825,253	I	By Synergy Life Science Partners, L.P. <sup>(2)</sup>

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 0.07	10/24/2013		M	64,872	<sup>(3)</sup> 04/12/2012	Common Stock 172,995

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Starling William N JR 3284 ALPINE ROAD PORTOLA VALLEY, CA 94028		X		

## Signatures

/s/ William N.  
Starling, Jr.

10/28/2013

\_\_Signature of Reporting  
Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
  - \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The Reporting Person is a managing member of Synecor, L.L.C ("Synecor"). The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by Synecor except to the extent of his proportionate pecuniary interest therein.  
  
The Reporting Person is a Manager of Synergy Venture Partners, LLC which serves as the sole General Partner of Synergy Life Science Partners, LP ("Synergy"). As such, the Reporting Person shares voting and investment control over the securities owned by Synergy, and may be deemed to own beneficially the securities held by Synergy. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by Synergy except to the extent of this proportionate pecuniary interest therein.
  - (2) The Reporting Person is a Manager of Synergy Venture Partners, LLC which serves as the sole General Partner of Synergy Life Science Partners, LP ("Synergy"). As such, the Reporting Person shares voting and investment control over the securities owned by Synergy, and may be deemed to own beneficially the securities held by Synergy. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by Synergy except to the extent of this proportionate pecuniary interest therein.
  - (3) The original option grant of 172,995 shares vests and the shares become exercisable according to the following schedule: 1/48 per month beginning on April 12, 2012.

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