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ALARIS MEDICAL SYSTEMS INC Form SC TO-C May 20, 2004

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE TO (Rule 14d-100) Tender Offer Statement Under Section 14(d)(1) or 13(e)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

> ALARIS MEDICAL SYSTEMS, INC. (Name of Subject Company--Issuer) BLUE MERGER CORP., a wholly owned subsidiary of CARDINAL HEALTH, INC. (Name of Filing Persons--Offerors)

COMMON STOCK, PAR VALUE \$0.01 PER SHARE (Title of Class of Securities)

011637105 (CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

Paul S. Williams Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and Secretary Cardinal Health, Inc. 7000 Cardinal Place Dublin, Ohio 43017 Telephone: (614) 757-5000 (Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications on Behalf of Filing Persons) Copy To: David A. Katz, Esq. Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz 51 West 52nd Street New York, New York 10019 Telephone: (212) 403-1000

- [_] Check the box if any part of the fee is offset as provided by Rule 0-11(a)(2) and identify the filing with which the offsetting fee was previously paid. Identify the previous filing by registration statement number, or the Form or Schedule and the date of its filing. Amount Previously Paid: None. Filing Party: Not applicable. Form or Registration No.: Not applicable. Date Filed: Not applicable.
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Item 12.	Exhibits
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