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September 30, 2004

Securities and Exchange Commission
Washington, D.C. 20549

Schedule 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. 4)*

Natus Medical Incorporated (BABY)
(Name of Issuer)

Common
(Title of Class of Securities)

639050103
(CUSIP Number)

David Nierenberg
The D3 Family Fund
19605 NE 8th Street
Camas, WA 98607
360-604-8600

Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person
Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications

September / 29 / 2004
Date of Event Which Requires Filing of This Statement

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- 1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSON
- The D3 Family Fund, L.P. (David Nierenberg is president of the General Partner, which is Nierenberg Investment Management Company.)
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- 2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*
- (a) |X|
(b) |_|
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- 3 SEC USE ONLY
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- 4 SOURCE OF FUNDS*
- WC
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- 5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED
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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Washington

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

1,269,472 common shares (7.4%)

8 SHARED VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

0

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

1,269,472

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

2,280,024 shares (13.4%)

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

13.4%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

PN

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Washington

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

396,950 common shares (203%)

NUMBER OF
SHARES
BENEFICIALLY
OWNED BY

8 SHARED VOTING POWER

0

EACH
REPORTING
PERSON
WITH

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

396,950

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Washington

	7	SOLE VOTING POWER	
			268,233 common shares (1.6%)
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	8	SHARED VOTING POWER	0
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	268,233
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	0

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Washington

	7	SOLE VOTING POWER	
		86,811 common shares (0.5%)	
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	8	SHARED VOTING POWER	
		0	
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	
		86,811	
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	
		0	

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

2,280,024 shares (13.4%)

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Washington

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

257,058 common shares (1.5%)

8 SHARED VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF SHARES
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY
EACH REPORTING PERSON
WITH

0

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

257,058

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

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Henry Hooper

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

United States of America

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

1,500 common shares (0.0%)

NUMBER OF
SHARES

8 SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY
OWNED BY

0

EACH
REPORTING

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

PERSON
WITH

1,500

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

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Item 1. Security and Issuer.

Common Stock of Natus Medical Incorporated, 1501 Industrial Road, San Carlos, CA 94070

Item 2. Identity and Background.

The D3 Family Fund, L.P. is a Washington State limited partnership, whose principal business is investing in the equities of public micro-cap issuers. Located at 19605 N.E. 8th St., Camas, Washington 98607. No convictions or administrative proceedings as described in 2 (d) and (e).

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Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.

Source of funds is money invested in the partnership by its partners.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction.

We continue to be pleased with BABY's progress, so much so that we anticipate purchasing more shares right up to the poison pill limit of 15%, subject, of course, to price and availability.

BABY has strengthened corporate governance with the addition of three new outside directors and the election of a new independent board Chair, Bob Gunst. We have worked closely with Bob before, when he served as board chair at Garden Fresh Restaurant (LTUS), where he did an excellent job of building, and of harvesting, shareholder value.

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Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

(a,b) D3 Family Fund owns and has sole voting power over 1,269,472 BABY shares.

(c)	Date	Shares Bought	Price
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	8/23/04	2,800	5.25
	9/22/04	30,000	6.54
	9/28/04	19,150	6.31
	9/29/04	433,350	6.64

(d) N/A

(e) N/A

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships With Respect to Securities of the Issuer.

N/A

Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits.

N/A

Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

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Date

/s/ DAVID NIERENBERG

David Nierenberg
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Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

(a,b) The D3 Family Retirement Fund, L.P. owns and has sole voting power over 396,950 BABY shares

(c)	Date	Shares Bought	Price
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9/28/04	5,850	6.32
9/29/04	132,550	6.64

(d) N/A

(e) N/A

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Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

(a,b) D3 Children's Fund, L.P. owns and has sole voting power over 86,811 BABY shares.

(c)	Date	Shares Bought	Price
	-----	-----	-----
	9/29/04	22,000	6.64

(d) N/A

(e) N/A

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N/A

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Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

(a,b) D3 Offshore Fund, L.P. owns and has sole voting power over 257,058 BABY shares.

(c)	Date	Shares Bought	Price
	----	-----	-----
	9/02/04	2,952	5.55
	9/03/04	8,000	5.54
	9/15/04	10,000	6.75
	9/16/04	15,000	6.54
	9/17/04	48,000	6.53
	9/20/04	1,000	6.47
	9/29/04	56,900	6.64

(d) N/A

(e) N/A

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N/A

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Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

(a,b) D3 Family Bulldog Fund, L.P. owns and has sole voting power over 268,233 BABY shares.

(c) N/A

(d) N/A

(e) N/A

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Item 2. Identity and Background.

Henry Hooper. Located at 4317 NE Wistaria Drive, Portland, Oregon 97213. Mr. Hooper is a general partner of the D3 Family Fund, L.P. No convictions or administrative proceedings as described in 2 (d) and (e).

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.

Source of funds is money invested in the partnership by its partners.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction.

The purchase of the shares is for investment purposes.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

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(a,b) Henry Hooper owns and has sole voting power over 1,500 BABY shares.

(c) N/A

(d) N/A

(e) N/A

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Company, Inc., Authorized to trade for

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