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Form SC 13G  
February 03, 2003

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. \_\_\_\_\_ )\*

Rita Medical Systems, Inc.  
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(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock  
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(Title of Class of Securities)

76774E103  
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(CUSIP Number)

January 24, 2003  
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(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

- Rule 13d-1(b)  
 Rule 13d-1(c)  
 Rule 13d-1(d)

\*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

1 I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (Entities only)

Michael A. Roth and Brian J. Stark, as joint filers pursuant to Rule 13D-1(k)

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2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\* (a) [ ]

Not Applicable. (b) [ ]

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3 SEC USE ONLY

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4 CITIZENSHIP OF PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

United States of America

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NUMBER OF  
SHARES  
BENEFICIALLY  
OWNED BY 5 1,136,363  
EACH  
REPORTING  
PERSON  
WITH

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SHARED VOTING POWER

6 0

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SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

7 1,136,363

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SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

8 0

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9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

1,136,363

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10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\* [ ]

Not applicable.

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11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

6.6%

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12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

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\*SEE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE FILLING OUT!

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Item 1(a).  
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Name of Issuer.  
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Rita Medical Systems, Inc.

Item 1(b).  
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Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices.  
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967 N. Shoreline Blvd.  
Mountain View, CA 94043

Item 2(a).  
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Name of Person Filing.  
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Michael A. Roth and Brian J. Stark, as joint filers

Item 2(b).  
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Address of Principal Business Office or, if None, Residence.  
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3600 South Lake Drive  
St. Francis, WI 53235

Item 2(c).  
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Citizenship.  
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United States of America

Item 2(d).  
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Title of Class of Securities.  
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Common Stock

Item 2(e).  
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CUSIP Number.  
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Item 3.  
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If this Statement is Filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b) or (c), Check Whether the Person Filing is a:

(a)  Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Exchange Act.

(b)  Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Exchange Act.

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- (c)  Insurance company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Exchange Act.
- (e)  Investment company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act.
- (f)  An investment advisor in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);

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- (g)  An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
- (h)  A parent holding company or control person in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G)
- (i)  A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act;
- (j)  A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under Section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act;
- (k)  Group, in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J)

If this statement is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(c), check this box.

Item 4. Ownership.

- (a) Amount beneficially owned:  
1,136,363\*  
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- (b) Percent of class:  
6.6%\*  
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- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
  - (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote 1,136,363\* ,  
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  - (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote 0 ,  
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  - (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of 1,136,363\* ,  
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  - (iv) Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition of 0 ,  
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\*The foregoing amounts of shares and percentage represent

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the combined indirect holdings of Michael A. Roth and Brian J. Stark, as joint filers. All of the foregoing shares are held directly by SF Capital Partners, Ltd., a British Virgin Islands company ("SF Capital"). Messrs. Roth and Stark are the founding members and direct the management of Staro Asset Management, L.L.C., a Wisconsin limited liability company ("Staro") which (i) acts as investment manager and has sole power to direct the management of Shepherd Investments International, Ltd., a British Virgin Islands corporation ("SIIL"), and (ii) acts as general partner and has sole power to direct the management of Stark Investments Limited Partnership, a Wisconsin limited partnership ("SILP") which serves as the general partner of Stark Trading, a Wisconsin general partnership ("ST"). SIIL and ST are the controlling owners of SF Capital. Through Staro, Messrs. Roth and Stark possess sole voting and dispositive power over all of the foregoing shares. Based upon information provided in the Issuer's Form 10Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2002, there were 15,143,708 shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding as of November 8, 2002. Therefore, for the purposes of Rule 13d-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Messrs. Roth and Stark may be deemed to be the beneficial owners of 1,136,363 shares of Common Stock which represents 6.6% of the Issuer's issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock.

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.  
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Not applicable.

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Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.  
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Not applicable.

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company.  
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Not applicable.

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.  
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Not applicable.

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.  
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Not applicable.

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Item 10. Certification.  
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By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

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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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/s/ Michael A. Roth  
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Michael A. Roth

/s/ Brian J. Stark  
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Brian J. Stark

EXHIBIT 1

AGREEMENT AS TO JOINT FILING

Dated: Februaury 3, 2003

The undersigned hereby agree that the Schedule 13G with respect to Rita Medical Systems, Inc. dated as of the date hereof, is filed on behalf of each of the undersigned jointly pursuant to Rule 13d-1(k).

/s/ Michael A. Roth  
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Michael A. Roth

/s/ Brian J. Stark

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Brian J. Stark