

BECTON DICKINSON & CO  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**BECTON HENRY P JR**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**BECTON DICKINSON & CO [BDX]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**C/O BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY, 1 BECTON DRIVE**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**03/08/2005**

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

**FRANKLIN LAKES, NJ 07417**

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

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/08/2005                           |  | S                              | 425 D \$ 59.1   | 109,215   | I  | See footnote <sup>(1)</sup>       |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 36,920 <sup>(2)</sup>   | I  | By wife                           |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 120,815   | I  | See footnote <sup>(3)</sup>       |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 946,582 <sup>(4)</sup>  | I  | See footnote                      |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 104,590   | I  | See footnote <sup>(4)</sup>       |

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|--------------|--|----------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| Common Stock |  | 121,800              | I | See footnote <sup>(5)</sup> |
| Common Stock |  | 1,600 <sup>(2)</sup> | I | By daughter                 |
| Common Stock |  | 32,000               | I | See footnote <sup>(6)</sup> |
| Common Stock |  | 5,212                | D |                             |
| Common Stock |  | 2,410 <sup>(7)</sup> | D |                             |

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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares                                       |
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | Code   | V   | (A)  | (D)  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BECTON HENRY P JR<br>C/O BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY<br>1 BECTON DRIVE<br>FRANKLIN LAKES, NJ 07417 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

Patricia Walesiewicz, by power of attorney for Henry P.  
Becton, Jr.

03/10/2005

\_\_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) By trusts for benefit of reporting person's children, with wife and independent advisor as co-trustees.
  - (2) Beneficial ownership of these securities is expressly disclaimed.
  - (3) Held in trust and/or limited liability company for benefit of reporting person.
  - (4) Represents shares held in trust for parent of which reporting person has become a co-trustee.
  - (5) Represents shares held in trust for sibling of which reporting person has become a co-trustee.
  - (6) Held in charitable remainder trust of which reporting person is a remainder beneficiary.
  - (7) Represents restricted stock units awarded under the 2004 Employee and Director Equity-Based Compensation Plan, including units acquired through dividend reinvestment.

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