

ABBOTT LABORATORIES  
Form S-8  
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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM S-8**

**REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

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**Abbott Laboratories**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Illinois**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**36-0698440**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**Abbott Laboratories**  
**100 Abbott Park Road**  
**Abbott Park, Illinois**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**60064-6400**  
(Zip Code)

**ABBOTT LABORATORIES STOCK RETIREMENT PROGRAM**

(Full title of the plan)

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**Laura J. Schumacher**

**Abbott Laboratories**

**100 Abbott Park Road**

**Abbott Park, Illinois 60064-6400**

(Name and address of agent for service)

Telephone number, including area code, of agent for service: **(847) 937-5200**

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**CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

<b>Title of securities to be registered</b>	<b>Amount to be registered</b>	<b>Proposed maximum offering price per share (a)</b>	<b>Proposed maximum aggregate offering price (a)</b>	<b>Amount of registration fee (a)</b>
Common shares (without par value)	8,100,000	\$48.94	\$396,414,000	\$46,658

(a) In addition, pursuant to Rule 416(c) under the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement also covers an indeterminate amount of interests to be offered or sold pursuant to the employee benefit plan described herein. The filing fee has been calculated in accordance with Rule 457(c) based on the average of the high and low prices of Registrant's Common Shares reported on the New York Stock Exchange on May 9, 2005.

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Pursuant to General Instruction E, the contents of Abbott Laboratories Stock Retirement Program Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File no. 33-50452) are incorporated herein by reference.

### Part II. Information Required in the Registration Statement

#### Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel

Laura J. Schumacher, Esq., Senior Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel of the Registrant, whose opinion is included herewith as Exhibit 5, beneficially owned as of May 11, 2005, approximately 48,500 Common Shares of the Registrant (this amount includes approximately 4,629 shares held for the benefit of Ms. Schumacher in the Abbott Laboratories Stock Retirement Trust pursuant to the Abbott Laboratories Stock Retirement Plan) and held options to acquire 195,168 Common Shares of which options to purchase 90,405 Common Shares are currently exercisable.

#### Item 8. Exhibits

Reference is made to the Exhibit Index which is incorporated herein by reference. Neither an opinion of counsel concerning the Program's compliance with the requirements of ERISA nor an Internal Revenue Service ( IRS ) determination letter is furnished because the Registrant undertakes that it will submit, or has submitted, the Abbott Laboratories Stock Retirement Program and any amendments thereto to the Internal Revenue Service ( IRS ) in a timely manner and has made or will make all changes required by the IRS in order to qualify the Program.

SIGNATURES

THE REGISTRANT. Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in unincorporated Lake County, and State of Illinois, on May 11, 2005.

ABBOTT LABORATORIES

By: /s/ Miles D. White  
Miles D. White,  
Chairman of the Board and  
Chief Executive Officer

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Each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Miles D. White and Laura Schumacher, Esq., and each of them, as his or her true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him or her and in his or her name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments to this registration statement, and to file the same with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Commission, granting unto said attorney-in-fact and agent full power and authority to do and perform each act and thing requisite and necessary to be done, as fully to all intents and purposes as he or she might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact and agent, or his or her substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<b>Signature</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>
/s/ Miles D. White Miles D. White	Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer, and Director	May 11, 2005
/s/ Richard A. Gonzalez Richard A. Gonzalez	President and Chief Operating Officer, Medical Products Group, and Director	May 11, 2005
/s/ Jeffrey M. Leiden Jeffrey M. Leiden	President and Chief Operating Officer, Pharmaceutical Products Group, and Director	May 11, 2005
/s/ Thomas C. Freyman Thomas C. Freyman	Executive Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)	May 11, 2005
/s/ Greg W. Linder Greg W. Linder	Vice President and Controller (Principal Accounting Officer)	May 11, 2005
/s/ Roxanne S. Austin Roxanne S. Austin	Director	May 11, 2005
/s/ William M. Daley William M. Daley	Director	May 11, 2005
/s/ H. Laurance Fuller H. Laurance Fuller	Director	May 11, 2005

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/s/ Jack M. Greenberg Jack M. Greenberg	Director	May 11, 2005
/s/ David A. L. Owen David A. L. Owen	Director	May 11, 2005
/s/ Boone Powell Jr. Boone Powell Jr.	Director	May 11, 2005
/s/ A. Barry Rand A. Barry Rand	Director	May 11, 2005
/s/ W. Ann Reynolds W. Ann Reynolds	Director	May 11, 2005
/s/ Roy S. Roberts Roy S. Roberts	Director	May 11, 2005
/s/ William D. Smithburg William D. Smithburg	Director	May 11, 2005
/s/ John R. Walter John R. Walter	Director	May 11, 2005

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THE PLAN. Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Abbott Laboratories Stock Retirement Program has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in unincorporated Lake County, and State of Illinois, on the 11th day of May, 2005.

ABBOTT LABORATORIES STOCK RETIREMENT  
PROGRAM

By:                   /s/ Thomas M. Wascoe  
                          Thomas M. Wascoe, Plan Administrator

EXHIBIT INDEX

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
4	Abbott Laboratories Stock Retirement Program.
5	Opinion of Laura J. Schumacher.
23.1	The consent of counsel, Laura J. Schumacher, is included in her opinion.
23.2	Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP.
23.3	Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP.
24	Power of Attorney is included on the signature page.