SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMIS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549	SION					
SCHEDULE 13G (Rule 13d-102)						
INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN TO RULES 13d-1(b),(c), AND (d) PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-2(b) (Amendment No. 3)1						
BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY (Name of Issuer)						
COMMON STOCK (Title of Class of Securities)						
075887109 (CUSIP Number)						
12/31/2002 (Date of Event Which Requires	Filing of this Statement)					
Check the appropriate box to d Schedule is filed:	esignate the rule pursuant to which this					
[ X ] Rule 13d-1 (b)						
[ ] Rule 13d-1 (c)						
[ ] Rule 13d-1 (d)						
reporting person's initial fi to the subject class of secur amendment containing informat	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.					
not be deemed to be "filed" f the Securities Exchange Act o to the liabilities of that se	he remainder of this cover page shall or the purpose of Section 18 of f 1934 (the "Act") or otherwise subject ction of the Act, but shall be subject e Act (however, see the Notes.)					
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1. NAMES OF REPORTING PERSON	S OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)					
Wellington Management 04-2683227	Company, LLP					
2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX	IF THE MEMBER OF A GROUP  (a) [ ]  (b) [ ]					
3. SEC USE ONLY						
4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF O Massachusetts	RGANIZATION					
	5. SOLE VOTING POWER					
NUMBER OF	0					
SHARES BENEFICIALLY	6. SHARED VOTING POWER					
OWNED BY EACH	8,284,058					
REPORTING PERSON WITH	7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 0					
	8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER					

22,319,543

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				19,543		
10.	CHE(	CK RES	BOX	IF AGGREGAT	TE AMOUNT IN ROW	(9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN
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Item	1 (ā	a).	Naı	me of Issuer	r:	
				BECTON, D	DICKINSON AND COM	PANY
Item	1 (k	).	Ado	dress of Iss	suer's Principal	Executive Offices:
				1 Becton Franklin	Drive Lakes NJ 07417-	1880
Item	2 (a	a).	Nai	me of Person	n Filing:	
				Wellingto	on Management Com	pany, LLP (``WMC``)
Item	ı 2 (k	o).		dress of Pri sidence:	incipal Business	Office or, if None,
				75 State Boston, M	Street Massachusetts 02	109
Item	2(0	c).	Ci	tizenship:		
				Massachus	setts	
Item	2 (0	d).	Ti	tle of Class	s of Securities:	
				COMMON SI	POCK	
Item	2 (	∍).	CU	SIP Number:		
				075887109	9	
Item	3.					ant to Rule 13d-1(b), or he Person Filing is a:
	(a)	[	]	Broker or d	dealer registered	under Section 15 of the Act.
	(b)	[	]	Bank as def	fined in Section	3(a)(6) of the Act.
	(c)	[	]	Insurance C the Act.	Company as define	d in Section 3(a)(19) of
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	(d)	[	]		Company register Company Act.	ed under Section 8 of the
	(e)	[	Х]		ent adviser in ac -1(b)(1)(ii)(E);	cordance with
	(f)	[	]		e benefit plan or 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F	<pre>endowment fund in accordance );</pre>
	(g)	[	Х]	_	olding company or e 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)	<pre>control person in accordance (G); see item 7;</pre>
	(h)	[	]	_	association as de posit Insurance A	fined in Section 3(b) of the ct;
	(i)	[	]	investment		ded from the definition of an ction 3(c)(14) of the

(j) [ ] 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  $[ \quad ]$ 

Item 4. Ownership.

Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of the class of securities of the issuer identified in Item 1.

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: WMC, in its capacity as investment adviser, may be deemed to beneficially own 22,319,543 shares of the Issuer which are held of record by clients of WMC.
- (b) Percent of class: 8.77%
- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
- (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote 0
- (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote 8,284,058
- (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of
- (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of

22,319,543

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Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following

[].

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

The securities as to which this Schedule is filed by WMC, in its capacity as investment adviser, are owned of record by clients of WMC. Those clients have the right to receive, or the power to direct the receipt of, dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, such securities. No such client is known to have such right or power with respect to more than five percent of this class of securities, except as follows:

None

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company.

See Exhibit A

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

Not Applicable. This schedule is not being filed Pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J) or Rule 13d-1(d).

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Not Applicable.

Item 10. Certification.

(a) The following certification shall be included if the statement is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1 (b):

"By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the

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effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection withor as a participant in any transaction  ${\sf var}$ 

having that purpose or effect. "

## 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.

By:--//Brian P. Hillery//--Name: Brian P. Hillery Title: Vice President Date: March 10, 2003

 $^\star$  Signed pursuant to a Power of Attorney dated January 17, 2002 and filed with the SEC on February 5, 2002.

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Exhibit A

Pursuant to the instructions in Item 7 of this Schedule 13G, the identity and the Item 3 classification of the relevant subsidiary are: Wellington Trust Company, NA, 75 State Street, Boston MA 02109, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Wellington Management Company, LLP and a bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.