



thousands of hospitals, including many of the most prestigious hospital systems and institutions in the U.S., who conducted their own evaluations and chose BD Eclipse.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Kathleen M. Gibson  
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Kathleen M. Gibson  
Assistant Secretary

Date: May 25, 2001