
**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 22, 2014

BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

New Jersey
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

001-4802
(Commission
File Number)

22-0760120
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

1 Becton Drive,
Franklin Lakes, New Jersey
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

07417-1880
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (201) 847-6800

Not Applicable
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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 - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On December 22, 2014, the Board of Directors of Becton, Dickinson and Company (“BD”) elected John E. Gallagher, age 41, to the new position of Vice President, Corporate Finance and Treasurer. In this position, Mr. Gallagher will serve as BD’s principal accounting officer, replacing Joseph Mercurio, who has moved to another position within BD. Mr. Gallagher previously served as BD’s Vice President and Treasurer from 2012 to 2013, and most recently as its Vice President, Business Planning and Analysis and Treasurer. Prior to joining BD, Mr. Gallagher served as Vice President, Financial Planning & Analysis at NBC Universal.

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/ Gary DeFazio

Gary DeFazio

Vice President and Corporate Secretary

Date: December 22, 2014