

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>COHEN GARY M</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY</u> <u>ONE BECTON DRIVE</u> (Street) <u>FRANKLIN LAKES NJ 07465</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>BECTON DICKINSON & CO [BDX]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>President - BD Medical Systems</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>11/12/2003</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	11/12/2003		M		108	A	\$8.64	21,179	D	
Common Stock								10,256	I	SIP Trust ⁽¹⁾

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$8.64	11/12/2003		M		108	(2)	01/24/2004	Common Stock	108	\$0	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- Shares are held under the Becton, Dickinson and Company Savings Incentive Plan ("SIP). The information presented for the SIP is as of October 31, 2003.
- The option became 50% exercisable on January 24, 1996, and became fully exercisable on January 24, 1997.

Remarks:

Gary DeFazio, by power of attorney for Gary M. Cohen

11/13/2003

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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