

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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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>BECTON HENRY P JR</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY</u> <u>1 BECTON DRIVE</u> (Street) <u>FRANKLIN LAKES NJ 07417</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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/14/2004</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	12/14/2004		G	V	5,080	D	\$0	121,865	I	See footnote ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	12/14/2004		G	V	4,400	A	\$0	36,720 ⁽²⁾	I	By wife
Common Stock	12/15/2004		G	V	50	D	\$0	121,815	I	See footnote ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	12/23/2004		G	V	200	A	\$0	36,920 ⁽²⁾	I	By wife
Common Stock	02/02/2005		G	V	1,200	A	\$0	109,640	I	See footnote ⁽³⁾
Common Stock	02/25/2005		S		1,000	D	\$59.37	120,815	I	See footnote ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock								946,582	I	See footnote ⁽⁴⁾
Common Stock								104,590	I	See footnote ⁽⁴⁾
Common Stock								121,800	I	See footnote ⁽⁵⁾
Common Stock								1,600 ⁽²⁾	I	By daughter
Common Stock								32,000	I	See footnote ⁽⁶⁾
Common Stock								5,212	D	
Common Stock								2,410 ⁽⁷⁾	D	

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					

Explanation of Responses:

- Held in trust and/or limited liability company for benefit of reporting person.
- Beneficial ownership of these securities is expressly disclaimed.
- By trusts for benefit of reporting person's children, with wife and independent advisor as co-trustees.
- Represents shares held in trust for parent of which reporting person has become a co-trustee.
- Represents shares held in trust for sibling of which reporting person has become a co-trustee.
- Held in charitable remainder trust of which reporting person is a remainder beneficiary.
- Represents restricted stock units awarded under the 2004 Employee and Director Equity-Based Compensation Plan, including units acquired through dividend reinvestment.

Remarks:

Patricia Walesiewicz, by power of attorney for Henry P. Becton, Jr. 02/28/2005

** 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).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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