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

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**FORM 8-K**

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

**Date of Report (Date of the earliest event reported): March 17, 2015**

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**BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**New Jersey**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-4802**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**22-0760120**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**1 Becton Drive**  
**Franklin Lakes, New Jersey 07417-1880**  
(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)

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

**N/A**  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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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 8.01. Other Events.**

Becton, Dickinson and Company (“BD”) is registering 104,484 shares (the “Shares”) of its common stock, par value \$1.00 per share, under BD’s registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-183059) (the “Registration Statement”), as supplemented by a prospectus supplement, dated as of March 17, 2015, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 17, 2015. The Shares are issuable to certain former employees of CareFusion Corporation and employees of certain former affiliates of CareFusion Corporation upon the vesting or exercise of certain equity awards issued under the CareFusion Corporation 2009 Long-Term Incentive Plan that BD agreed to assume in connection with its previously announced acquisition of CareFusion Corporation.

Attached hereto and incorporated by reference to the Registration Statement as Exhibits 4.6 and 5.2, respectively, are copies of the CareFusion Corporation 2009 Long-Term Incentive Plan and the opinion of Jeffrey S. Sherman, as General Counsel for BD.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description of Exhibit</u>
4.6	CareFusion Corporation 2009 Long-Term Incentive Plan
5.2	Opinion of Jeffrey S. Sherman, as General Counsel for Becton, Dickinson and Company

**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

Name: Gary DeFazio

Title: Vice President and Corporate Secretary

Date: March 17, 2015

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**CAREFUSION CORPORATION****2009 LONG-TERM INCENTIVE PLAN  
(Effective as of August 31, 2009)****1. Purpose of the Plan.**

The purpose of this Plan is to encourage ownership in the Company by key personnel whose long-term service to the Company is considered essential to the Company's continued progress and, thereby, encourage such personnel to act in the stockholders' interest and share in the Company's success. The Plan also is intended to assist the Company in attracting and retaining employees and other potential Awardees who are expected to make important contributions to the Company and its Affiliates. In addition, in accordance with Article VI of the Employee Matters Agreement, dated as of August 31, 2009, by and between Cardinal Health and the Company (the "Employee Matters Agreement"), the Plan permits the issuance of long-term incentive awards in partial or full substitution for long-term incentive awards that covered shares of the common stock of Cardinal Health immediately prior to the spin-off of the Company by Cardinal Health.

**2. Definitions.**

As used herein, the following definitions shall apply:

(a) "**Administrator**" means the Board, any Committee or such delegates as shall be administering the Plan in accordance with Section 4 of the Plan.

(b) "**Affiliate**" means, with respect to the Company or Cardinal Health, any entity that is directly or indirectly controlled by such entity, or any entity in which such entity has a significant ownership interest as determined by the Administrator; provided that, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Company and Cardinal Health shall not be considered Affiliates of each other for purposes of this Plan.

(c) "**Applicable Law**" means the requirements relating to the administration of stock option plans under U.S. federal and state laws, any stock exchange or quotation system on which the Company has listed or submitted for quotation the Common Stock to the extent provided under the terms of the Company's agreement with such exchange or quotation system and, with respect to Awards subject to the laws of any foreign jurisdiction where Awards are, or will be, granted under the Plan, the laws of such jurisdiction.

(d) "**Award**" means a Cash Award, Stock Award, Option, Stock Appreciation Right or Other Stock-Based Award granted in accordance with the terms of the Plan.

(e) "**Awardee**" means an Employee, a Director or a Cardinal Health Participant who has been granted an Award under the Plan.

(f) "**Award Agreement**" means a Cash Award Agreement, Stock Award Agreement, Option Agreement, Stock Appreciation Right Agreement and/or Other Stock-Based Award Agreement, which may be in written or electronic format, in such form and

with such terms as may be specified by the Administrator, evidencing the terms and conditions of an individual Award. Each Award Agreement is subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan. With respect to Replacement Awards, the term also includes any memorandum or summary of terms that may be specified by the Administrator, together with any agreement under any Cardinal Health Plan that may be referred to therein.

(g) “**Board**” means the Board of Directors of the Company.

(h) “**Cash Award**” means a bonus opportunity awarded under Section 13 of the Plan pursuant to which an Employee may become entitled to receive an amount based on the satisfaction of such performance criteria as are specified in the agreement or, if no agreement is entered into with respect to the Cash Award, other documents evidencing the Award (the “Cash Award Agreement”).

(i) “**Cardinal Health**” means Cardinal Health, Inc., an Ohio corporation.

(j) “**Cardinal Health Participant**” means a current or former employee, officer or member of the board of directors of Cardinal Health or any of its Affiliates or any other person who holds a stock option, restricted share or restricted share unit under a Cardinal Health Plan as of the Distribution Effective Time. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, a Cardinal Health Participant may also be an Employee or a Director hereunder.

(k) “**Cardinal Health Plan**” means the Cardinal Health, Inc. 2005 Long-Term Incentive Plan, as amended, or any similar plan sponsored by Cardinal Health or any of its Affiliates, including but not limited to (i) the Cardinal Health Broadly-based Equity Incentive Plan, as amended, (ii) the Cardinal Health Amended and Restated Equity Incentive Plan, as amended, (iii) the Cardinal Health Outside Directors Equity Plan, as amended, (iv) the Cardinal Health 2007 Nonemployee Directors Equity Plan, as amended, and (v) each equity incentive plan assumed by Cardinal Health prior to the Distribution Effective Time under which any awards remain outstanding after the Distribution Effective Time.

(l) “**Change of Control**” means any of the following occurring after the Distribution Effective Time:

(i) the acquisition by any individual, entity or group (within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) or 14(d)(2) of the Exchange Act) (a “Person”) of beneficial ownership (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act) of twenty-five percent (25%) or more of either (x) the then outstanding Common Stock of the Company (the “Outstanding Company Common Stock”), or (y) the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities of the Company entitled to vote generally in the election of Directors (the “Outstanding Company Voting Securities”); provided, however, that for purposes of this subsection (i), the following acquisitions shall not constitute a Change of Control: (A) any acquisition directly from the Company or any corporation controlled by the Company; (B) any acquisition by the Company or any corporation controlled by the Company; (C) any acquisition by any employee benefit plan (or related trust) sponsored or maintained by the Company or any corporation controlled by the Company; or (D) any acquisition by any corporation that is a Non-Control Acquisition (as defined in subsection (iii) of this Section 2(l)); or

(ii) individuals who, as of the effective date of this Plan, constitute the Board (the “Incumbent Board”) cease for any reason to constitute at least a majority of the Board; provided, however, that any individual becoming a Director subsequent to the effective date whose election, or nomination for election by the Company’s stockholders, was approved by a vote of at least a majority of the Directors then comprising the Incumbent Board shall be considered as though such individual were a member of the Incumbent Board, but excluding, for this purpose, any such individual whose initial assumption of office occurs as a result of an actual or threatened election contest with respect to the election or removal of directors or other actual or threatened solicitation of proxies or consents by or on behalf of a Person other than the Board; or

(iii) consummation of a reorganization, merger or consolidation or sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company or the acquisition by the Company of assets or shares of another corporation (a “Business Combination”), unless, such Business Combination is a Non-Control Acquisition. A “Non-Control Acquisition” shall mean a Business Combination where: (x) all or substantially all of the individuals and entities who were the beneficial owners, respectively, of the Outstanding Company Common Stock and Outstanding Company Voting Securities immediately prior to such Business Combination beneficially own, directly or indirectly, more than fifty percent (50%) of, respectively, the then outstanding shares of common stock and the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, as the case may be, of the corporation resulting from such Business Combination (including, without limitation, a corporation which as a result of such transaction owns the Company or all or substantially all of the Company’s assets either directly or through one or more subsidiaries) in substantially the same proportions as their ownership immediately prior to such Business Combination of the Outstanding Company Common Stock and Outstanding Company Voting Securities, as the case may be; (y) no Person (excluding any employee benefit plan (or related trust) of the Company or such corporation resulting from such Business Combination) beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, twenty-five percent (25%) or more of, respectively, the then outstanding shares of common stock of the corporation resulting from such Business Combination or the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities of such corporation except to the extent that such ownership existed prior to the Business Combination (including any ownership that existed in the Company or the company being acquired, if any); and (z) at least a majority of the members of the board of directors of the corporation resulting from such Business Combination were members of the Incumbent Board at the time of the execution of the initial agreement, or of the action of the Board, providing for such Business Combination; or

(iv) approval by the stockholders of the Company of a complete liquidation or dissolution of the Company.

(m) “Code” means the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

(n) “**Committee**” means a committee of Directors appointed by the Board in accordance with Section 4 of the Plan or the Human Resources and Compensation Committee of the Board.

(o) “**Common Stock**” means the common stock, \$0.01 par value, of the Company.

(p) “**Company**” means CareFusion Corporation, a Delaware corporation, or, except as utilized in the definition of Change of Control, its successor.

(q) “**Conversion Award**” has the meaning set forth in Section 4(b)(xiii) of the Plan.

(r) “**Director**” means a member of the Board.

(s) “**Disability**,” unless the Administrator determines otherwise, has the meaning specified in the Company’s or Cardinal Health’s, as the case may be, long-term disability plan applicable to the Participant at the time of the disability.

(t) “**Disaffiliation**” means a Subsidiary or Affiliate of the Company ceasing to be a Subsidiary or Affiliate of the Company for any reason (including, without limitation, as a result of a public offering, or a spin-off or sale by the Company, of the stock of the Subsidiary or Affiliate) or a sale of a division of the Company and its Affiliates.

(u) “**Distribution Effective Time**” means the effective time of the distribution of Common Stock to the holders of Common Shares of Cardinal Health, which is expected to be 11:59 p.m., New York City time, on August 31, 2009.

(v) “**Employee**” means an employee of the Company or its Affiliates, or a person who has agreed to commence serving as an employee of the Company, including an Officer who is also a regular, active employee of the Company or its Affiliates. For any and all purposes under the Plan, the term “Employee” shall not include a person hired as an independent contractor, leased employee, consultant or a person otherwise designated by the Administrator, the Company or an Affiliate at the time of hire as not eligible to participate in or receive benefits under the Plan or not on the payroll, even if such ineligible person is subsequently determined to be a common law employee of the Company or an Affiliate or otherwise an employee by any governmental or judicial authority. Unless otherwise determined by the Administrator in its sole discretion, for purposes of the Plan, an Employee shall be considered to have terminated employment and to have ceased to be an Employee if his or her employer ceases to be an Affiliate of the Company, even if he or she continues to be employed by such employer.

(w) “**Employee Matters Agreement**” has the meaning given that term in Section 1.

(x) “**Exchange Act**” means the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.



(y) “**Grant Date**” means, with respect to each Award, the date upon which an Award that is granted to an Awardee pursuant to this Plan becomes effective, which shall not be earlier than the date of action by the Administrator.

(z) “**Incentive Stock Option**” means an Option that is identified in the Option Agreement as intended to qualify as an incentive stock option within the meaning of Section 422 of the Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder, and that actually does so qualify.

(aa) “**Fair Market Value**” means the fair market value of the Common Stock as determined by the Administrator from time to time. Unless otherwise determined by the Administrator, the fair market value shall be the closing price for the Common Stock reported on a consolidated basis on the New York Stock Exchange on the relevant date or, if there were no sales on such date, the closing price on the nearest preceding date on which sales occurred.

(bb) “**Nonqualified Stock Option**” means an Option that is not an Incentive Stock Option.

(cc) “**Officer**” means a person who is an officer of the Company within the meaning of Section 16 of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

(dd) “**Option**” means a right granted under Section 8 of the Plan to purchase a number of Shares or Stock Units at such exercise price, at such times, and on such other terms and conditions as are specified in the agreement or other documents evidencing the Award (the “Option Agreement”). Both Incentive Stock Options and Nonqualified Stock Options may be granted under the Plan.

(ee) “**Other Stock-Based Award**” means an Award granted pursuant to Section 12 of the Plan on such terms and conditions as are specified in the agreement or other documents evidencing the Award (the “Other Stock-Based Award Agreement”).

(ff) “**Participant**” means the Awardee or any person (including any estate) to whom an Award has been assigned or transferred as permitted hereunder.

(gg) “**Plan**” means this 2009 Long-Term Incentive Plan.

(hh) “**Qualifying Performance Criteria**” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 14(b) of the Plan.

(ii) “**Replacement Award**” means an Award that is issued under the Plan in accordance with the terms of Article VI of the Employee Matters Agreement in substitution of, or in connection with a, stock option, restricted share or restricted share unit that was granted under a Cardinal Health Plan.

(jj) “**Retirement**” means, unless the Administrator determines otherwise, Termination of Employment (other than by death or Disability and other than in the event of Termination for Cause) by (i) an Employee from the Company and its Affiliates or (ii) an employee of Cardinal Health or its Affiliates from Cardinal Health and its Affiliates; in each case after attaining age 55 and having at least 10 years of continuous service with the Company or its Affiliates, Cardinal Health or its Affiliates, or such other Affiliates prior to the time that such Affiliate became an Affiliate of the Company or Cardinal Health.

(kk) “**Securities Act**” means the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

(ll) “**Share**” means a share of Common Stock, as adjusted in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Plan.

(mm) “**Stock Appreciation Right**” means a right granted under Section 10 of the Plan on such terms and conditions as are specified in the agreement or other documents evidencing the Award (the “Stock Appreciation Right Agreement”).

(nn) “**Stock Award**” means an award or issuance of Shares or Stock Units made under Section 11 of the Plan, the grant, issuance, retention, vesting and/or transferability of which is subject during specified periods of time to such conditions (including without limitation continued employment or performance conditions) and terms as are expressed in the agreement or other documents evidencing the Award (the “Stock Award Agreement”).

(oo) “**Stock Unit**” means a bookkeeping entry representing an amount equivalent to the Fair Market Value of one Share, payable in cash, property or Shares. Stock Units represent an unfunded and unsecured obligation of the Company, except as otherwise provided for by the Administrator.

(pp) “**Subsidiary**” means any company in an unbroken chain of companies beginning with the Company, provided that each company in the unbroken chain, other than the last company, owns, at the time of determination, stock possessing 50% or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock in one of the other companies in such chain.

(qq) “**Termination for Cause**” means, unless otherwise provided in an Award Agreement, Termination of Employment on account of any act of fraud or intentional misrepresentation or embezzlement, misappropriation or conversion of assets of the Company, Cardinal Health or their Affiliates, as the case may be, or the intentional and/or repeated violation of the written policies or procedures of (1) the Company or its Affiliates by an Employee or (2) Cardinal Health or its Affiliates by a Cardinal Health Participant; provided that for an Employee or a Cardinal Health Participant who is party to an individual severance or employment agreement defining Cause or a participant in a change in control (or similar) plan defining Cause, except as may be provided in such agreement or plan, “Cause” shall have the meaning set forth in such agreement or plan. For purposes of this Plan, a Termination of Employment shall be deemed to be a Termination for Cause if, after such Termination of Employment, facts and circumstances are discovered that would have justified, in the opinion of the Committee, a Termination for Cause.

(rr) “**Termination of Employment**” means ceasing to be an employee of the Company or its Affiliates or Cardinal Health or its Affiliates, as the case may be; provided, however, that, if determined by the Administrator, for purposes of this Plan, it will not be deemed to be a Termination of Employment if such employee continues to be or becomes a Director or becomes an independent contractor, leased employee or consultant to the Company or Cardinal Health, or either of their Affiliates, as the case may be. With respect to a Director, “Termination of Employment” means ceasing to serve as a Director of the Company or of Cardinal Health, as the case may be.

### **3. Stock Subject to the Plan.**

(a) *Aggregate Limit.* Subject to the provisions of Section 16(a) of the Plan, the maximum aggregate number of Shares which may be subject to Awards granted under the Plan is 40,000,000 Shares; provided that no more than 16,000,000 Shares may be subject to Replacement Awards. The aggregate number of Shares subject to Awards granted under this Plan shall not be reduced by Shares subject to Awards granted upon the assumption of, or in substitution for, awards granted by a business or entity that is acquired by, or whose assets are acquired by, the Company after the Distribution Effective Time. The Shares issued pursuant to the Plan may be either Shares reacquired by the Company, including Shares purchased in the open market, or authorized but unissued Shares.

(b) *Code Section 162(m) and 422 Limits.* Subject to the provisions of Section 16(a) of the Plan, the aggregate number of Shares subject to Awards granted under this Plan during any fiscal year to any one Awardee shall not exceed 3,000,000. The aggregate maximum value as of the Grant Date of Cash Awards granted under this Plan during any fiscal year to any one Awardee on or after the date of this Plan becomes effective shall not exceed U.S. \$7,500,000. Subject to the provisions of Section 16(a) of the Plan, the aggregate number of Shares that may be subject to all Incentive Stock Options granted under the Plan is 16,000,000 Shares. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan, the limitations set forth in this Section 3(b) shall be subject to adjustment under Section 16(a) of the Plan only to the extent that such adjustment will not affect the status of any Award intended to qualify as “performance-based compensation” under Section 162(m) of the Code.

(c) *Share Counting Rules.*

(i) For purposes of this Section 3 of the Plan, the aggregate number of Shares subject to Awards granted under the Plan at any time shall not be reduced by Shares subject to Awards that have been canceled, expired, forfeited or settled in cash.

(ii) The following Shares shall not become available for Awards under this Plan: (A) Shares subject to Awards that have been retained by the Company in payment or satisfaction of the purchase price of an Award or the tax withholding obligation of an Awardee; (B) Shares that have been delivered (either actually or constructively by attestation) to the Company in payment or satisfaction of the purchase price of an Award or the tax withholding obligation of an Awardee; or (C) Shares reserved for issuance upon a grant of Stock Appreciation Rights which are exercised and settled in Shares, to the extent the number of reserved Shares exceeds the number of Shares actually issued upon the exercise of the Stock Appreciation Rights.

#### 4. Administration of the Plan.

(a) *Procedure.*

(i) *Multiple Administrative Bodies.* The Plan shall be administered by the Board, a Committee designated by the Board to so administer this Plan and/or their respective delegates.

(ii) *Section 162(m).* To the extent that the Administrator determines it to be desirable to qualify Awards granted hereunder as “performance-based compensation” within the meaning of Section 162(m) of the Code, Awards to “covered employees” within the meaning of Section 162(m) of the Code or to Employees that the Committee determines may be “covered employees” in the future shall be made by a Committee of two or more “outside directors” within the meaning of Section 162(m) of the Code. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan, the Administrator shall not have any discretion or authority to make changes to any Award that is intended to qualify as “performance-based compensation” to the extent that the existence of such discretion or authority would cause such Award not to so qualify.

(iii) *Rule 16b-3.* To the extent desirable to qualify transactions hereunder as exempt under Rule 16b-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act (“Rule 16b-3”), Awards to Officers and Directors shall be made by the entire Board or a Committee of two or more “non-employee directors” within the meaning of Rule 16b-3.

(iv) *Other Administration.* Except to the extent prohibited by Applicable Law, the Board or a Committee may delegate to a Committee of one or more Directors or to authorized officers of the Company the power to approve Awards to persons eligible to receive Awards under the Plan who are not (A) subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act or (B) at the time of such approval, “covered employees” under Section 162(m) of the Code.

(v) *Delegation of Authority for the Day-to-Day Administration of the Plan.* Except to the extent prohibited by Applicable Law, the Administrator may delegate to one or more individuals the day-to-day administration of the Plan and any of the functions assigned to it in this Plan. Such delegation may be revoked at any time.

(b) *Powers of the Administrator.* Subject to the provisions of the Plan and Article VI of the Employee Matters Agreement, in the case of a Committee or delegates acting as the Administrator, subject to the specific duties delegated to such Committee or delegates, the Administrator shall have the authority, in its discretion:

(i) to select the Employees and Directors to whom Awards are to be granted hereunder;

(ii) to determine the number of Shares to be covered by each Award granted hereunder;

(iii) to select Cardinal Health Participants to whom Replacement Awards are to be granted hereunder and the applicable terms and number of Shares of such Replacement Awards;

(iv) to determine the type of Award to be granted to the selected Employees and Directors; provided that, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, Directors shall not be eligible to receive Incentive Stock Options or Cash Awards;

(v) to approve forms of Award Agreements;

(vi) to determine the terms and conditions, not inconsistent with the terms of the Plan or Article VI of the Employee Matters Agreement, of any Award granted hereunder. Such terms and conditions may include, but are not limited to, the exercise and/or purchase price, the time or times when an Award may be exercised (which may or may not be based on performance criteria), the vesting schedule, any vesting and/or exercisability provisions, terms regarding acceleration of Awards or waiver of forfeiture restrictions, the acceptable forms of consideration for payment for an Award, the term, and any restriction or limitation regarding any Award or the Shares relating thereto, based in each case on such factors as the Administrator, in its sole discretion, shall determine and may be established at the time an Award is granted or thereafter;

(vii) to correct administrative errors;

(viii) to construe and interpret the terms of the Plan (including sub-plans and Plan addenda) and Awards granted pursuant to the Plan;

(ix) to adopt rules and procedures relating to the operation and administration of the Plan to accommodate the specific requirements of local laws and procedures. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Administrator is specifically authorized (A) to adopt the rules and procedures regarding the conversion of local currency, the shift of tax liability from employer to employee (where legally permitted) and withholding procedures and handling of stock certificates which vary with local requirements, and (B) to adopt sub-plans and Plan addenda as the Administrator deems desirable, to accommodate foreign laws, regulations and practice;

(x) to prescribe, amend and rescind rules and regulations relating to the Plan, including rules and regulations relating to sub-plans and Plan addenda;

(xi) to modify or amend each Award, including, but not limited to, the acceleration of vesting and/or exercisability, provided, however, that any such modification or amendment (A) is subject to the Plan amendment provisions set forth in Section 17 of the Plan, and (B) may not impair any outstanding Award unless agreed to in writing by the Participant, except that such agreement shall not be required if the Administrator determines in its sole discretion that such modification or amendment either (Y) is required or advisable in order for the Company, the Plan or the Award to satisfy any Applicable Law or to meet the requirements of any accounting standard, or (Z) is not reasonably likely to significantly diminish the benefits provided under such Award, or that adequate compensation has been provided for any such diminishment;

(xii) to allow or require Participants to satisfy withholding tax amounts by electing to have the Company withhold from the Shares to be issued upon exercise of a Nonqualified Stock Option or vesting of a Stock Award that number of Shares having a Fair Market Value equal to the amount required to be withheld. The Fair Market Value of the Shares to be withheld shall be determined in such manner and on such date that the Administrator shall determine or, in the absence of provision otherwise, on the date that the amount of tax to be withheld is to be determined. All elections by a Participant to have Shares withheld for this purpose shall be made in such form and under such conditions as the Administrator may provide;

(xiii) to authorize conversion or substitution under the Plan of any or all stock options, stock appreciation rights or other stock awards held by awardees of an entity merged with or acquired by the Company or any of its Affiliates (the "Conversion Awards"). Any conversion or substitution shall be effective as of the close of such merger or acquisition. The Conversion Awards may be Nonqualified Stock Options or Incentive Stock Options, as determined by the Administrator, with respect to stock options granted by the acquired entity;

(xiv) to authorize any person to execute on behalf of the Company any instrument required to effect the grant of an Award;

(xv) to impose such restrictions, conditions or limitations as it determines appropriate as to the timing and manner of any resales by a Participant or of other subsequent transfers by the Participant of any Shares issued as a result of or under an Award or upon the exercise of an Award, including without limitation, (A) restrictions under an insider trading policy, (B) restrictions as to the use of a specified brokerage firm for such resales or other transfers, and (C) institution of "blackout" periods on exercises of Awards;

(xvi) to provide, either at the time an Award is granted or by subsequent action, that an Award shall contain as a term thereof, a right, either in tandem with the other rights under the Award or as an alternative thereto, of the Participant to receive, without payment to the Company, a number of Shares, cash or a combination thereof, the amount of which is determined by reference to the value of the Award; and

(xvii) to make all other determinations deemed necessary or advisable for administering the Plan and any Award granted hereunder.

(c) *Effect of Administrator's Decision.* All questions arising under the Plan or under any Award shall be decided by the Administrator in its total and absolute discretion. All decisions, determinations and interpretations by the Administrator regarding the Plan, any rules and regulations under the Plan and the terms and conditions of any Award granted hereunder, shall be final and binding on all Participants. The Administrator shall consider such factors as it deems relevant, in its sole and absolute discretion, to making such decisions, determinations and interpretations including, without limitation, the recommendations or advice of any officer or other employee of the Company and such attorneys, consultants and accountants as it may select.

## **5. Eligibility.**

Awards may be granted only to Employees, Directors or a Cardinal Health Participant; provided that, pursuant to Section 32, a Cardinal Health Participant, who is not otherwise an Employee or a former Employee, may receive only Replacement Awards.

## **6. Term of Plan.**

The Plan shall become effective at the Distribution Effective Time. The Plan shall continue in effect for a term of ten (10) years from the effective date unless terminated earlier under Section 17 of the Plan.

## **7. Term of Award.**

Subject to the provisions of the Plan and Article VI of the Employee Matters Agreement, the term of each Award shall be determined by the Administrator and stated or incorporated in the Award Agreement. In the case of an Option or Stock Appreciation Right the term shall be ten (10) years from the Grant Date or such shorter term as may be provided in the Award Agreement.

## **8. Options.**

The Administrator may grant an Option or provide for the grant of an Option, either from time to time in the discretion of the Administrator or automatically upon the occurrence of specified events, including, without limitation, the achievement of performance goals, the satisfaction of an event or condition within the control of the Awardee or within the control of others.

(a) *Option Agreement.* Each Option Agreement shall contain or incorporate provisions regarding (i) the number of Shares that may be issued upon exercise of the Option, (ii) the type of Option, (iii) the exercise price of the Option and the means of payment of such exercise price, (iv) the term of the Option, (v) such terms and conditions on the vesting and/or exercisability of an Option as may be determined from time to time by the Administrator, (vi) restrictions on the transfer of the Option and forfeiture provisions, and (vii) such further terms and conditions, in each case not inconsistent with this Plan, as may be determined from time to time by the Administrator.

(b) *Exercise Price.* The per share exercise price for the Shares to be issued pursuant to exercise of an Option shall be determined by the Administrator, except that the per Share exercise price shall be no less than the Fair Market Value per Share on the Grant Date, except that this sentence shall not apply to Replacement Awards. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, at the Administrator's discretion, Conversion Awards may be granted in substitution and/or conversion of options of an acquired entity, with a per Share exercise price of less than the Fair Market Value per Share on the date of such substitution and/or conversion.

(c) *No Repricings.* Except in connection with a corporate transaction or event described in Section 16(a) of this Plan, the terms of outstanding Awards may not be amended to reduce the exercise price of outstanding Options or the base price of Stock Appreciation Rights, or cancel outstanding Options or Stock Appreciation Rights in exchange for cash, other awards or Options or Stock Appreciation Rights with an exercise price or base price, as applicable, that is less than the exercise price of the original Options or base price of the original Stock Appreciation Rights, as applicable, without stockholder approval.

(d) *No Reload Grants.* Options shall not be granted under the Plan in consideration for and shall not be conditioned upon the delivery of Shares to the Company in payment of the exercise price and/or tax withholding obligation under any other Option.

(e) *Vesting Period and Exercise Dates.* Options granted under this Plan shall vest and/or be exercisable at such time and in such installments during the period prior to the expiration of the Option's term as determined by the Administrator. The Administrator shall have the right to make the timing of the ability to exercise any Option granted under this Plan subject to continued active employment, the passage of time and/or such performance requirements as deemed appropriate by the Administrator. Subject to Section 4(a)(ii), at any time after the grant of an Option, the Administrator may reduce or eliminate any restrictions surrounding any Participant's right to exercise all or part of the Option.

(f) *Form of Consideration.* The Administrator shall determine the acceptable form of consideration for exercising an Option, including the method of payment, either through the terms of the Option Agreement or at the time of exercise of an Option. Acceptable forms of consideration may include:

(i) cash;

(ii) check or wire transfer (denominated in U.S. Dollars);

(iii) subject to any conditions or limitations established by the Administrator, other Shares which (A) in the case of Shares acquired from the Company (whether upon the exercise of an Option or otherwise), have been owned by the Participant for more than six (6) months on the date of surrender (unless this condition is waived by the Administrator), and (B) have a Fair Market Value on the date of surrender equal to or greater than the aggregate exercise price of the Shares as to which said Option shall be exercised (it being agreed that the excess of the Fair Market Value over the aggregate exercise price shall be refunded to the Participant in the form of Shares, with any fractional Share being repaid in cash);

(iv) subject to any conditions or limitations established by the Administrator, the Company's withholding Shares otherwise issuable upon exercise of an Option;

(v) to the extent permitted by Applicable Law, consideration received by the Company under a broker-assisted sale and remittance program acceptable to the Administrator;

(vi) such other consideration and method of payment for the issuance of Shares to the extent permitted by Applicable Law; or



(vii) any combination of the foregoing methods of payment.

(g) *Procedure for Exercise; Rights as a Stockholder.*

(i) Any Option granted hereunder shall be exercisable according to the terms of the Plan and at such times and under such conditions as determined by the Administrator and set forth or incorporated in the applicable Option Agreement.

(ii) An Option shall be deemed exercised when the Company receives (A) written or electronic notice of exercise (in accordance with the Option Agreement or procedures established by the Administrator) from the person entitled to exercise the Option, (B) full payment for the Shares with respect to which the related Option is exercised, and (C) with respect to Nonqualified Stock Options, provisions acceptable to the Administrator have been made for payment of all applicable withholding taxes.

(iii) Unless provided otherwise by the Administrator or pursuant to this Plan, until the Shares are issued (as evidenced by the appropriate entry on the books of the Company or of a duly authorized transfer agent of the Company), no right to vote or receive dividends or any other rights as a stockholder shall exist with respect to the Shares subject to an Option, notwithstanding the exercise of the Option.

(iv) The Company shall issue (or cause to be issued) Shares as soon as administratively practicable after the Option is exercised. An Option may not be exercised for a fraction of a Share.

(h) *Termination of Employment.* The Administrator shall determine as of the Grant Date (subject to modification subsequent to the Grant Date) the effect a Termination of Employment due to (i) Disability, (ii) Retirement, (iii) death, or (iv) otherwise (including Termination for Cause) shall have on any Option. Except as otherwise provided herein and unless otherwise determined by the Committee, if a Director ceases to be a member of the Board (or a director of Cardinal Health ceases to be a member of the board of directors of Cardinal Health) for any reason, then all Options then held by such a Participant that are exercisable on such date shall remain exercisable until expiration of the original term of such Options.

**9. Incentive Stock Option Limitations/Terms.**

(a) *Eligibility.* Only employees (as determined in accordance with Section 3401(c) of the Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder) of the Company or any of its corporate Subsidiaries may be granted Incentive Stock Options. No Incentive Stock Option shall be granted to any such employee who as of the Grant Date owns stock possessing more than 10% of the total combined voting power of the Company.

(b) *\$100,000 Limitation.* Notwithstanding the designation "Incentive Stock Option" in an Option Agreement, if and to the extent that the aggregate Fair Market Value of the Shares with respect to which Incentive Stock Options are exercisable for the first time by the Awardee during any calendar year (under all plans of the Company and any of its Subsidiaries) exceeds U.S. \$100,000, such

Options shall be treated as Nonqualified Stock Options. For purposes of this Section 9(b) of the Plan, Incentive Stock Options shall be taken into account in the order in which they were granted. For purposes of this Section 9(b), the Fair Market Value of the Shares shall be determined as of the Grant Date of the Option.

(c) *Transferability.* The Option Agreement must provide that an Incentive Stock Option cannot be transferable by the Awardee otherwise than by will or the laws of descent and distribution, and, during the lifetime of such Awardee, must not be exercisable by any other person. If the terms of an Incentive Stock Option are amended to permit transferability, the Option will be treated for tax purposes as a Nonqualified Stock Option.

(d) *Exercise Price.* The per Share exercise price of an Incentive Stock Option shall in no event be inconsistent with the requirements for qualification of the Incentive Stock Option under Section 422 of the Code.

(e) *Other Terms.* Option Agreements evidencing Incentive Stock Options shall contain such other terms and conditions as may be necessary to qualify, to the extent determined desirable by the Administrator, with the applicable provisions of Section 422 of the Code.

#### **10. Stock Appreciation Rights.**

A "Stock Appreciation Right" is a right that entitles the Awardee to receive, in cash or Shares (as determined by the Administrator), value equal to or otherwise based on the excess of (i) the Fair Market Value of a specified number of Shares at the time of exercise over (ii) the aggregate base price of the right, as established by the Administrator on the Grant Date. Stock Appreciation Rights may be granted to Awardees either alone ("freestanding") or in addition to or in tandem with other Awards granted under the Plan and may, but need not, relate to a specific Option granted under Sections 8 and 9 of the Plan. Any Stock Appreciation Right granted in tandem with an Option may be granted at the same time such Option is granted or at any time thereafter before exercise or expiration of such Option. All Stock Appreciation Rights under the Plan shall be granted subject to the same terms and conditions applicable to Options as set forth in Sections 8 and 9 of the Plan, including without limitation the prohibition on repricing in Section 8(c); provided, however, that Stock Appreciation Rights granted in tandem with a previously granted Option shall have the terms and conditions of such Option. Subject to the provisions of Sections 8 and 9 of the Plan, the Administrator may impose such other conditions or restrictions on any Stock Appreciation Right as it shall deem appropriate. Stock Appreciation Rights may be settled in Shares or cash as determined by the Administrator.

#### **11. Stock Awards.**

(a) *Stock Award Agreement.* Each Stock Award Agreement shall contain or incorporate provisions regarding (i) the number of Shares subject to such Stock Award or a formula for determining such number, (ii) the purchase price of the Shares, if any, and the means of payment for the Shares, (iii) the performance criteria, if any, and level of achievement versus these criteria that shall determine the number of Shares granted, issued, retainable and/or vested, (iv) such terms and conditions on the grant, issuance,

vesting and/or forfeiture of the Shares as may be determined from time to time by the Administrator, (v) restrictions on the transferability of the Stock Award, and (vi) such further terms and conditions in each case not inconsistent with this Plan as may be determined from time to time by the Administrator.

(b) *Restrictions and Performance Criteria.* The grant, issuance, retention and/or vesting of each Stock Award may be subject to such performance criteria and level of achievement versus these criteria as the Administrator shall determine, which criteria may be based on financial performance, personal performance evaluations and/or completion of service by the Awardee. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the performance criteria for any Stock Award that is intended to satisfy the requirements for “performance-based compensation” under Section 162 (m) of the Code shall be established by the Administrator based on one or more Qualifying Performance Criteria selected by the Administrator and specified in writing not later than ninety (90) days after the commencement of the period of service (or, if earlier, the elapse of 25% of such period) to which the performance goals relate, provided that the outcome is substantially uncertain at that time.

(c) *Termination of Employment.* The Administrator shall determine as of the Grant Date (subject to modification subsequent to the Grant Date) the effect a Termination of Employment due to (i) Disability, (ii) Retirement, (iii) death, or (iv) otherwise (including Termination for Cause) shall have on any Stock Award.

(d) *Rights as a Stockholder.* Unless otherwise provided for by the Administrator, the Participant shall have the rights equivalent to those of a stockholder and shall be a stockholder only after Shares subject to a Stock Award are issued (as evidenced by the appropriate entry on the books of the Company or of a duly authorized transfer agent of the Company) to the Participant.

## **12. Other Stock-Based Awards.**

(a) *Other Stock-Based Awards.* An “Other Stock-Based Award” means any other type of equity-based or equity-related Award not otherwise described by the terms of this Plan (including the grant or offer for sale of unrestricted Shares) in such amount and subject to such terms and conditions as the Administrator shall determine. Such Awards may involve the transfer of actual Shares to Participants, or payment in cash or otherwise of amounts based on the value of Shares. Each Other Stock-Based Award will be evidenced by an Award Agreement containing or incorporating such terms and conditions as may be determined by the Administrator.

(b) *Value of Other Stock-Based Awards.* Each Other Stock-Based Award shall be expressed in terms of Shares or units based on Shares, as determined by the Administrator. The Administrator may establish performance goals in its discretion. If the Administrator exercises its discretion to establish performance goals, the number and/or value of Other Stock-Based Awards that will be paid out to the Participant will depend on the extent to which the performance goals are met. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the

performance criteria for any Other Stock-Based Award that is intended to satisfy the requirements for “performance-based compensation” under Section 162(m) of the Code shall be established by the Administrator based on one or more Qualifying Performance Criteria selected by the Administrator and specified in writing not later than ninety (90) days after the commencement of the period of service (or, if earlier, the elapse of 25% of such period) to which the performance goals relate and otherwise within the time period required by the Code, provided that the outcome is substantially uncertain at that time.

(c) *Payment of Other Stock-Based Awards.* Payment, if any, with respect to Other Stock-Based Awards shall be made in accordance with the terms of the Award, in cash or Shares as the Administrator determines.

(d) *Termination of Employment.* The Administrator shall determine as of the Grant Date (subject to modification subsequent to the Grant Date) the effect a Termination of Employment due to (i) Disability, (ii) Retirement, (iii) death, or (iv) otherwise (including Termination for Cause) shall have on any Other Stock-Based Award.

### **13. Cash Awards.**

Each Cash Award will confer upon the Participant the opportunity to earn a future payment tied to the level of achievement with respect to one or more performance criteria established for a performance period.

(a) *Cash Award.* Each Cash Award may contain provisions regarding (i) the amounts potentially payable to the Participant as a Cash Award, (ii) the performance criteria and level of achievement versus these criteria which shall determine the amount of such payment, (iii) the period as to which performance shall be measured for establishing the amount of any payment, (iv) the timing of any payment earned by virtue of performance, (v) restrictions on the alienation or transfer of the Cash Award prior to actual payment, (vi) forfeiture provisions, and (vii) such further terms and conditions, in each case not inconsistent with the Plan, as may be determined from time to time by the Administrator.

(b) *Performance Criteria.* The Administrator shall establish the performance criteria and level of achievement versus these criteria which shall determine the amounts payable under a Cash Award, which criteria may be based on financial performance and/or personal performance evaluations. The Administrator may specify the percentage of the target Cash Award that is intended to satisfy the requirements for “performance-based compensation” under Section 162(m) of the Code. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the performance criteria for any portion of a Cash Award that is intended to satisfy the requirements for “performance-based compensation” under Section 162(m) of the Code shall be a measure established by the Administrator based on one or more Qualifying Performance Criteria selected by the Administrator and specified in writing not later than ninety (90) days after the commencement of the period of service (or, if earlier, the elapse of 25% of such period) to which the performance goals relates, provided that the outcome is substantially uncertain at that time.

(c) *Timing and Form of Payment.* The Administrator shall determine the timing of payment of any Cash Award. The Administrator may provide for or, subject to such terms and conditions as the Administrator may specify, may permit a Participant to elect for the payment of any Cash Award to be deferred to a specified date or event. The Administrator may specify the form of payment of Cash Awards, which may be cash or other property, or may provide for a Participant to have the option for his or her Cash Award, or such portion thereof as the Administrator may specify, to be paid in whole or in part in cash or other property. To the extent that a Cash Award is in the form of cash, the Administrator may determine whether a payment is in U.S. dollars or foreign currency.

(d) *Termination of Employment.* The Administrator shall determine as of the Grant Date (subject to modification subsequent to the Grant Date) the effect a Termination of Employment due to (i) Disability, (ii) Retirement, (iii) death, or (iv) otherwise (including Termination for Cause) shall have on any Cash Award.

#### **14. Other Provisions Applicable to Awards.**

(a) *Non-Transferability of Awards.* Unless determined otherwise by the Administrator, an Award may not be sold, pledged, assigned, hypothecated, transferred or disposed of in any manner other than by beneficiary designation, will or by the laws of descent or distribution. The Administrator may make an Award transferable to an Awardee's family member or any other person or entity. If the Administrator makes an Award transferable, either as of the Grant Date or thereafter, such Award shall contain such additional terms and conditions as the Administrator deems appropriate, and any transferee shall be deemed to be bound by such terms upon acceptance of such transfer. In no event may Awards be transferred in exchange for consideration.

(b) *Qualifying Performance Criteria.* For purposes of this Plan, the term "Qualifying Performance Criteria" shall mean any one or more of the following performance criteria (including any performance criteria based thereon or derived therefrom), either individually, alternatively or in any combination, applied to either the Company as a whole or to a business unit, Affiliate or business segment, either individually, alternatively or in any combination, and measured either annually or cumulatively over a period of years, on an absolute basis or relative to a pre-established target, to previous years' results or to a designated comparison group, in each case as specified in the Award Agreement: (i) cash flow; (ii) earnings (including gross margin, earnings before interest and taxes, earnings before taxes, and net earnings); (iii) earnings per share; (iv) growth in earnings or earnings per share; (v) stock price; (vi) return on equity or average stockholders' equity; (vii) total stockholder return; (viii) return on capital; (ix) return on assets or net assets; (x) return on investment; (xi) revenue; (xii) income or net income; (xiii) operating income or net operating income; (xiv) operating profit or net operating profit (whether before or after taxes); (xv) economic profit or profit margin; (xvi) operating margin; (xvii) return on operating revenue; (xviii) return on tangible capital; (xix) market share; (xx) contract awards or backlog; (xxi) overhead or other expense reduction; (xxii) growth in stockholder value relative to the S&P 500 Index or other index or peer group; (xxiii) credit rating; (xxiv) strategic plan development and implementation; (xxv) improvement in workforce diversity; (xxvi) customer satisfaction; (xxvii) employee satisfaction; (xxviii) management succession plan development and implementation;

and (xxix) employee retention. With respect to any Award that is intended to satisfy the requirements for “performance-based compensation” under Section 162(m) of the Code, the performance criteria must be Qualifying Performance Criteria, and the Administrator will (within the first quarter of the performance period, but in no event more than ninety (90) days into that period) establish the specific performance targets (including thresholds and whether to exclude certain extraordinary, non-recurring, or similar items) and award amounts (subject to the right of the administrator to exercise discretion to reduce payment amounts following the conclusion of the performance period).

(c) *Certification.* Prior to the payment of any compensation under an Award intended to qualify as “performance-based compensation” under Section 162(m) of the Code, the Committee shall certify in writing the extent to which any Qualifying Performance Criteria and any other material terms under such Award have been satisfied (other than in cases where such criteria relate solely to the increase in the value of the Common Stock).

(d) *Discretionary Adjustments Pursuant to Section 162(m).* Notwithstanding satisfaction or completion of any Qualifying Performance Criteria, to the extent specified as of the Grant Date, the number of Shares, Options or other benefits granted, issued, retainable and/or vested under an Award on account of satisfaction of such Qualifying Performance Criteria may be reduced by the Committee on the basis of such further considerations as the Committee in its sole discretion shall determine.

#### **15. Dividends and Dividend Equivalents.**

To the extent it does not result in accelerated taxation or tax penalties under Section 409A of the Code, any Award other than an Option or Stock Appreciation Right may provide the Participant with the right to receive dividend payments or dividend equivalent payments on the Shares subject the Award, whether or not such Award has been exercised or is vested. Such payments may be made in cash or may be credited as cash or Stock Units to an Participant’s account and later settled in cash or Shares or a combination thereof, as determined by the Administrator. Such payments and credits may be subject to such conditions and contingencies as the Administrator may establish.

#### **16. Adjustments and Change of Control.**

(a) *Adjustment Clause.* The Administrator shall make or provide for such adjustments in the numbers of Shares covered by outstanding Options, Stock Appreciation Rights, Stock Awards and Other Stock-Based Awards granted hereunder, in the exercise price and base price provided in outstanding Options and Stock Appreciation Rights, as applicable, and in the kind of shares covered by any such Award, as the Administrator, in its sole discretion, exercised in good faith, may determine is equitably required to prevent dilution or enlargement of the rights of Awardees or Participants that otherwise would result from (a) any stock dividend, stock split, combination of shares, recapitalization or other change in the capital structure of the Company, (b) any merger, consolidation, spin-off, split-off, spin-out, split-up, reorganization, partial or complete liquidation or other distribution of assets, issuance of rights or warrants to purchase securities, or (c) any other corporate transaction or event having an effect similar to any of

the foregoing. Moreover, in the event of any such transaction or event, the Administrator, in its discretion, may provide in substitution for any or all outstanding Awards under this Plan such alternative consideration (including cash), if any, as it, in good faith, may determine to be equitable in the circumstances and may require in connection therewith the surrender of all awards so replaced in a manner that complies with Section 409A of the Code.

The Administrator shall also make or provide for such adjustments in the numbers of shares specified in Section 3 of this Plan as the Administrator in its sole discretion, exercised in good faith, may determine is appropriate to reflect any transaction or event described in this Section 16(a).

(b) *Change of Control*. In the event of a Change of Control, unless otherwise determined by the Administrator as of the Grant Date of a particular Award, the following acceleration, exercisability and valuation provisions shall apply:

i. On the date that such Change of Control occurs, any or all Options and Stock Appreciation Rights awarded under this Plan (other than a Replacement Award granted to a Cardinal Health Participant, who is not also an Employee or a former Employee) not previously exercisable and vested shall become fully exercisable and vested.

ii. Except as may be provided in an individual severance or employment agreement (or severance plan) to which an Awardee is a party, in the event of an Awardee's Termination of Employment (other than with respect to a Cardinal Health Participant, who is not also an Employee or a former Employee) within two (2) years after a Change of Control for any reason other than because of the Awardee's death, Retirement, Disability or Termination for Cause, each Option and Stock Appreciation Right held by the Awardee (or a transferee) that is then vested shall, following such Termination of Employment, remain exercisable until the earlier of the third (3rd) anniversary of such Termination of Employment or the expiration of its original term. In the event of an Awardee's Termination of Employment more than two (2) years after a Change of Control, or within two (2) years after a Change of Control because of the Awardee's death, Retirement, Disability or Termination for Cause, the provisions of Sections 8(h) and 10 of the Plan shall govern (as applicable).

iii. On the date that such Change of Control occurs, the restrictions applicable to any or all Stock Awards, Other Stock-Based Awards (other than a Replacement Award granted to a Cardinal Health Participant, who is not also an Employee or a former Employee) and Cash Awards shall lapse and such Awards shall be fully vested.

(c) *Section 409A*. Notwithstanding the foregoing: (i) any adjustments made pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Plan to Awards that are considered "deferred compensation" within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code shall be made in compliance with the requirements of Section 409A of the Code; (ii) any adjustments made pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Plan to Awards that are not considered "deferred compensation" subject to Section 409A of the Code shall be made in such a manner as to ensure that after such

adjustment, the Awards either continue not to be subject to Section 409A of the Code or comply with the requirements of Section 409A of the Code; (iii) the Administrator shall not have the authority to make any adjustments pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Plan to the extent that the existence of such authority would cause an Award that is not intended to be subject to Section 409A of the Code to be subject thereto; and (iv) if any Award is subject to Section 409A of the Code, Section 16(b) of the Plan shall be applicable only to the extent specifically provided in the Award Agreement and permitted pursuant to Section 27 of the Plan.

#### **17. Amendment and Termination of the Plan.**

(a) *Amendment and Termination.* The Administrator may amend, alter or discontinue the Plan or any Award Agreement, but any such action shall be subject to approval by the stockholders of the Company if and to the extent such approval is required by Applicable Law. In addition, without limiting the foregoing, unless approved by the stockholders of the Company and subject to Section 16(a), no such amendment shall be made that would:

- (i) increase the maximum aggregate number of Shares which may be subject to Awards granted under the Plan;
- (ii) reduce the minimum exercise price or base price for Options or Stock Appreciation Rights granted under the Plan; or
- (iii) reduce the exercise price or base price of outstanding Options or Stock Appreciation Rights.

(b) *Effect of Amendment or Termination.* No amendment, suspension or termination of the Plan shall impair the rights of any Participant with respect to an outstanding Award, unless mutually agreed otherwise between the Participant and the Administrator, which agreement must be in writing and signed by the Participant and the Company, except that no such agreement shall be required if the Administrator determines in its sole discretion that such amendment either (i) is required or advisable in order for the Company, the Plan or the Award to satisfy any Applicable Law or to meet the requirements of any accounting standard, or (ii), prior to a change in control, is not reasonably likely to significantly diminish the benefits provided under such Award, or that any such diminishment has been adequately compensated. Termination of the Plan shall not affect the Administrator's ability to exercise the powers granted to it hereunder with respect to Awards granted under the Plan prior to the date of such termination.

(c) *Effect of the Plan on Other Arrangements.* Neither the adoption of the Plan by the Board or a Committee nor the submission of the Plan to the stockholders of the Company for approval shall be construed as creating any limitations on the power of the Board or any Committee to adopt such other incentive arrangements as it or they may deem desirable, including without limitation, the granting of restricted shares or restricted share units or stock options otherwise than under the Plan, and such arrangements may be either generally applicable or applicable only in specific cases.



## **18. Designation of Beneficiary.**

(a) An Awardee may file a written designation of a beneficiary who is to receive the Awardee's rights pursuant to Awardee's Award in the event of the Awardee's death or the Awardee may include his or her Awards in an omnibus beneficiary designation for all benefits under the Plan. To the extent that Awardee has completed a designation of beneficiary while employed with the Company, such beneficiary designation shall remain in effect with respect to any Award hereunder until changed by the Awardee to the extent enforceable under Applicable Law. Any beneficiary designation made under a Cardinal Health Plan with respect to an award thereunder which is the subject of a Replacement Award shall remain in effect in respect of such Replacement Award unless and until a new beneficiary designation that by its terms supersedes such first beneficiary designation is made in accordance with the terms of this Plan.

(b) Such designation of beneficiary may be changed by the Awardee at any time by written notice. In the event of the death of an Awardee and in the absence of a beneficiary validly designated under the Plan who is living at the time of such Awardee's death, the Company shall allow the legal representative of the Awardee's estate to exercise the Award, subject to the terms and conditions of the Award Agreement and the Plan.

## **19. No Right to Awards or to Employment.**

No person shall have any claim or right to be granted an Award and the grant of any Award shall not be construed as giving an Awardee the right to employment and/or to continue in the employ of the Company or Cardinal Health or either of their Affiliates. Further, the Company and its Affiliates expressly reserve the right, at any time, to dismiss any Employee at any time without liability or any claim under the Plan, except as provided herein or in any Award Agreement entered into hereunder.

## **20. Recoupment.**

The Administrator may, in its discretion, also require repayment to the Company of all or any portion of an Award if the amount of the Award was calculated based upon the achievement of certain financial results that were subsequently the subject of a restatement of the Company's financial statements, the Participant engaged in misconduct that caused or contributed to the need for the restatement of the financial statements, and the amount payable to the Participant would have been lower than the amount actually paid to the Participant had the financial results been properly reported. This Section 20 shall not be the Company's exclusive remedy with respect to such matters. This Section 20 shall not apply after a Change of Control.

## **21. Fractional Shares.**

The Company shall not be required to issue any fractional Shares pursuant to this Plan. The Administrator may provide for the elimination of fractions or for the settlement thereof in cash.

## **22. Legal Compliance.**

Shares shall not be issued pursuant to an Option, Stock Appreciation Right, Stock Award or Other Stock-Based Award unless such Option, Stock Appreciation Right, Stock Award or Other Stock-Based Award and the issuance and delivery of such Shares shall comply with Applicable Law and shall be further subject to the approval of counsel for the Company with respect to such compliance. Unless the Awards and Shares covered by this Plan have been registered under the Securities Act or the Company has determined that such registration is unnecessary, each person receiving an Award and/or Shares pursuant to any Award may be required by the Company to give a representation in writing that such person is acquiring such Shares for his or her own account for investment and not with a view to, or for sale in connection with, the distribution of any part thereof.

## **23. Inability to Obtain Authority.**

To the extent the Company is unable to or the Administrator deems it infeasible to obtain authority from any regulatory body having jurisdiction, which authority is deemed by the Company's counsel to be advisable or necessary to the lawful issuance and sale of any Shares hereunder, the Company shall be relieved of any liability with respect to the failure to issue or sell such Shares as to which such requisite authority shall not have been obtained.

## **24. Reservation of Shares.**

The Company, during the term of this Plan, will at all times reserve and keep available such number of Shares as shall be sufficient to satisfy the requirements of the Plan.

## **25. Notice.**

Any written notice to the Company required by any provisions of this Plan shall be addressed to the Secretary of the Company and shall be effective when received.

## **26. Governing Law; Interpretation of Plan and Awards.**

(a) This Plan and all determinations made and actions taken pursuant hereto shall be governed by the substantive laws, but not the choice of law rules, of the state of Delaware, except as to matters related to Replacement Awards, which shall be governed by the substantive laws, but not the choice of law rules, of the state of Ohio, or matters governed by U.S. federal law.

(b) In the event that any provision of the Plan or any Award granted under the Plan is declared to be illegal, invalid or otherwise unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be reformed, if possible, to the extent necessary to render it legal, valid and enforceable, or otherwise deleted, and the remainder of the terms of the Plan and/or Award shall not be affected except to the extent necessary to reform or delete such illegal, invalid or unenforceable provision.

(c) The headings preceding the text of the sections hereof are inserted solely for convenience of reference, and shall not constitute a part of the Plan, nor shall they affect its meaning, construction or effect.

(d) The terms of the Plan and any Award shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective permitted heirs, beneficiaries, successors and assigns.

#### **27. Section 409A.**

(a) To the extent applicable, it is intended that this Plan and any grants made hereunder comply with the provisions of Section 409A of the Code, so that the income inclusion provisions of Section 409A(a)(1) of the Code do not apply to the Participant. This Plan and any Awards made hereunder shall be administered in a manner consistent with this intent. Any reference in this Plan to Section 409A of the Code will also include any regulations or any other formal guidance promulgated with respect to such Section by the U.S. Department of the Treasury or the Internal Revenue Service.

(b) Neither a Participant nor any of a Participant's creditors or beneficiaries shall have the right to subject any deferred compensation (within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code) payable under this Plan and grants hereunder to any anticipation, alienation, sale, transfer, assignment, pledge, encumbrance, attachment or garnishment. Except as permitted under Section 409A of the Code, any deferred compensation (within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code) payable to a Participant or for a Participant's benefit under this Plan and grants hereunder may not be reduced by, or offset against, any amount owing by a Participant to the Company or any of its Affiliates.

(c) If, at the time of a Participant's separation from service (within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code), (i) the Participant shall be a specified employee (within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code and using the identification methodology selected by the Company from time to time) and (ii) the Company shall make a good faith determination that an amount payable hereunder constitutes deferred compensation (within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code) the payment of which is required to be delayed pursuant to the six-month delay rule set forth in Section 409A of the Code in order to avoid taxes or penalties under Section 409A of the Code, then the Company shall not pay such amount on the otherwise scheduled payment date but shall instead pay it on the first business day of the seventh month after such six-month period, together with interest thereon from the date that such amount would have been paid absent such determination through the date of payment at the long-term applicable federal rate, determined under Section 1274(d) of the Code.

(d) Notwithstanding any provision of this Plan and grants hereunder to the contrary, in light of the uncertainty with respect to the proper application of Section 409A of the Code, the Company reserves the right to make amendments to this Plan and grants hereunder as the Company deems necessary or desirable to avoid the imposition of taxes or penalties under Section 409A of the Code. In any case, a Participant shall be solely responsible and liable for the satisfaction of all taxes and penalties that may be imposed on a Participant or for a Participant's account in connection with this Plan and Awards hereunder (including any taxes and penalties under Section 409A of the Code), and neither the Company nor any of its Affiliates shall have any obligation to indemnify or otherwise hold a Participant harmless from any or all of such taxes or penalties.

## **28. Limitation on Liability.**

The Company and any Affiliate which is in existence or hereafter comes into existence shall not be liable to a Participant, an Employee, an Awardee or any other persons as to:

(a) *The Non-Issuance of Shares.* The non-issuance or sale of Shares as to which the Company has been unable to obtain from any regulatory body having jurisdiction the authority deemed by the Company's counsel to be necessary to the lawful issuance and sale of any Shares hereunder; and

(b) *Tax or Exchange Control Consequences.* Any tax consequence expected, but not realized, or any exchange control obligation owed, by any Participant, Employee, Awardee or other person due to the receipt, exercise or settlement of any Option or other Award granted hereunder.

## **29. Unfunded Plan.**

Insofar as it provides for Awards, the Plan shall be unfunded. Although bookkeeping accounts may be established with respect to Awardees who are granted Stock Awards under this Plan, any such accounts will be used merely as a bookkeeping convenience. The Company shall not be required to segregate any assets which may at any time be represented by Awards, nor shall this Plan be construed as providing for such segregation, nor shall the Company nor the Administrator be deemed to be a trustee of stock or cash to be awarded under the Plan. Any liability of the Company to any Participant with respect to an Award shall be based solely upon any contractual obligations which may be created by the Plan; no such obligation of the Company shall be deemed to be secured by any pledge or other encumbrance on any property of the Company. Neither the Company nor the Administrator shall be required to give any security or bond for the performance of any obligation which may be created by this Plan.

## **30. Awards to Foreign Nationals.**

Awards may be granted hereunder to Awardees who are foreign nationals, who are located outside the United States or who are not compensated from a payroll maintained in the United States, or who are otherwise subject to (or could cause the Company to be subject to) legal or regulatory provisions of countries or jurisdictions outside the United States, on such terms and conditions different from those specified in the Plan as may, in the judgment of the Administrator, be necessary or desirable to foster and promote achievement of the purposes of the Plan, and, in furtherance of such purposes, the Administrator may make such modifications, amendments, procedures, or subplans as may be necessary or advisable to comply with such legal or regulatory provisions.

## **31. Tax Withholding.**

Each Participant shall pay or make arrangements satisfactory to the Company or his employer regarding the payment of, any federal, state, local or foreign taxes of any kind required by law to be withheld with respect to any Award under the Plan no later than the date as of which any amount under such Award first becomes includible as compensation of the Participant for any tax purposes with

respect to which the Company or the employer, as the case may be, has a tax withholding obligation. Unless otherwise determined by the Administrator, withholding obligations may be settled with Shares, including Shares that are part of the Award that gives rise to the withholding requirement; provided, however, that not more than the legally required minimum withholding may be settled with Shares. The obligations under the Plan shall be conditional on such payment or arrangements, and, to the extent permitted by law, the Company or the employer has the right to deduct any such taxes from any vested Shares or any other payment due to the participant at that time or at any future time. The Administrator may establish such procedures as it deems appropriate, including making irrevocable elections, for the settlement of withholding obligations with Shares.

### **32. Cardinal Health Awards.**

The Company is authorized to issue Replacement Awards to Cardinal Health Participants in connection with the adjustment and replacement by Cardinal Health of certain stock options, restricted share awards and restricted share units previously granted by Cardinal Health. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan to the contrary, including but not limited to Sections 5 and 8(b), the number of Shares to be subject to a Replacement Award and the other terms and conditions of each Replacement Award, including option exercise price, shall be determined by the Administrator, all in accordance with the terms of Article VI of the Employee Matters Agreement.

March 17, 2015

Becton, Dickinson and Company  
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RE: Becton, Dickinson and Company  
Prospectus Supplement to Form S-3

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Becton, Dickinson and Company, a New Jersey corporation (the "Company"), and have been requested to furnish this opinion in connection with an offering of securities pursuant to the Company's registration statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-183059) (the "Registration Statement"), filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), relating to the registration of the issuance of 104,484 shares (the "Shares") of the Company's common stock, par value \$1.00 per share (the "Common Stock"), issuable pursuant to the CareFusion 2009 Long-Term Incentive Plan (the "Plan"), assumed by the Company. The Shares are being offered pursuant to a Prospectus, dated August 3, 2012, as supplemented by the Prospectus Supplement, dated March 17, 2015 (together, the "Prospectus"), filed with the Commission on March 17, 2015 pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act.

In connection with the furnishing of this opinion, I have examined copies of the Registration Statement, the Prospectus and the Plan.

I also have examined such corporate records of the Company, such agreements and instruments, such certificates of public officials, such certificates of other officers of the Company and other persons, such questions of law and such other documents as I have deemed necessary as a basis for the opinions hereinafter expressed.

In such examination, except with respect to documents executed by officers of the Company in my presence, I have assumed the genuineness of all signatures, the legal capacity of natural persons, the authenticity of all documents submitted to me as originals, the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to me as duplicates or certified or conformed copies and the authenticity of the originals of such latter documents.

Based on the foregoing, I am of the opinion that the Shares have been duly authorized and, when such Shares have been issued in accordance with the terms and conditions of the applicable Plan and the applicable Award Agreement for consideration in an amount at least equal to the par value of such Shares, the Shares will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

I am a member of the Bar of the State of New York, and attorneys under my supervision upon whom I am relying are members of the Bar of the State of New Jersey. The foregoing opinion is limited to the Business Corporation Act of the State of New Jersey and the federal laws of the United States of America.

I hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an Exhibit 5.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on March 17, 2015. In addition, I consent to the reference to me under the caption "Validity of the Securities" in the Prospectus.

This opinion is rendered solely to you in connection with the above matter. This opinion may not be relied upon by you for any other purpose or relied upon by or furnished to any other person without my prior written consent.

*[signature page follows]*

Very truly yours,

/s/ Jeffrey Sherman

Jeffrey Sherman