

ABBOTT LABORATORIES  
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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM S-8**  
**REGISTRATION STATEMENT**  
**Under**  
**THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

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**Abbott Laboratories**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Illinois**

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**36-0698440**

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**Abbott Laboratories**  
**100 Abbott Park Road**  
**Abbott Park, Illinois**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**60064-6400**

(Zip Code)

**ABBOTT LABORATORIES STOCK RETIREMENT PROGRAM**

(Full Title of the Plan)

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**Jose M. de Lasa**  
**Abbott Laboratories**  
**100 Abbott Park Road**  
**Abbott Park, Illinois 60064-6400**

(Name and address of agent for service)

Telephone number, including area code, of agent for service: **(847) 937-5200**

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**CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

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<b>Title of Securities to be Registered</b>	<b>Amount to be Registered</b>	<b>Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share(a)</b>	<b>Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price(a)</b>	<b>Amount of Registration Fee(a)</b>
Common shares (without par value)	18,310,136	\$42.425	\$776,807,519	\$62,844

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Each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Miles D. White and Jose M. de Lasa, Esq., and each of them, as his or her true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him or her and in his or her name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments to this registration statement, and to file the same with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Commission, granting unto said attorney-in-fact and agent full power and authority to do and perform each act and thing requisite and necessary to be done, as fully to all intents and purposes as he or she might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact and agent, or his or her substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
<u>/s/ MILES D. WHITE</u> Miles D. White	Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer, and Director	September 29, 2003
<u>/s/ RICHARD A. GONZALEZ</u> Richard A. Gonzalez	President, Chief Operating Officer, Medical Products Group, and Director	September 29, 2003
<u>/s/ JEFFREY M. LEIDEN</u> Jeffrey M. Leiden, M.D., Ph.D.	President, Chief Operating Officer, Pharmaceutical Products Group and Director	September 29, 2003
<u>/s/ THOMAS C. FREYMAN</u> Thomas C. Freyman	Senior Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)	September 29, 2003
<u>/s/ GREG W. LINDER</u> Greg W. Linder	Vice President, and Controller (Principal Accounting Officer)	September 29, 2003
<u>/s/ ROXANNE S. AUSTIN</u> Roxanne S. Austin	Director	September 29, 2003

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<u>/s/ H. LAURANCE FULLER</u> H. Laurance Fuller	Director	September 29, 2003
<u>/s/ JACK M. GREENBERG</u> Jack M. Greenberg	Director	September 29, 2003
<u>/s/ DAVID A. L. OWEN</u> David A. L. Owen	Director	September 29, 2003

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<u>/s/ BOONE POWELL, JR.</u>	Director	September 29, 2003
Boone Powell, Jr.		
<u>/s/ A. BARRY RAND</u>	Director	September 29, 2003
A. Barry Rand		
<u>/s/ W. ANN REYNOLDS</u>	Director	September 29, 2003
W. Ann Reynolds		
<u>/s/ ROY S. ROBERTS</u>	Director	September 29, 2003
Roy S. Roberts		
<u>/s/ WILLIAM D. SMITHBURG</u>	Director	September 29, 2003
William D. Smithburg		
<u>/s/ JOHN R. WALTER</u>	Director	September 29, 2003
John R. Walter		

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*The Plan.* Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Abbott Laboratories Stock Retirement Program has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in unincorporated Lake County, and State of Illinois, on the 29th day of September, 2003.

ABBOTT LABORATORIES STOCK  
RETIREMENT PROGRAM

By: /s/ THOMAS M. WASCOE

Thomas M. Wascoe, Plan Administrator

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4	Abbott Laboratories Stock Retirement Program.
5	Opinion of Jose M. de Lasa.
23.1	The consent of counsel, Jose M. de Lasa, is included in his opinion.
23.2	Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP.
23.3	Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP.
24	Power of Attorney is included on the signature page.

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