

ABBOTT LABORATORIES  
Form 8-K  
October 26, 2011

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D. C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

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

**October 19, 2011**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

**ABBOTT LABORATORIES**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Illinois**  
(State or other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**1-2189**  
(Commission File Number)

**36-0698440**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

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**100 Abbott Park Road**

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Abbott Park, Illinois 60064-6400

(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(847) 937-6100**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- 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**

Filed as Exhibit 99.1, and incorporated herein by reference, is the news release issued by Abbott announcing that it plans to separate into two publicly traded companies, one in diversified medical products and the other in research-based pharmaceuticals.

**Item 9.01      Financial Statements and Exhibits**

Exhibit No.	Exhibit
99.1	Press Release dated October 19, 2011.

**SIGNATURE**

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.

**ABBOTT LABORATORIES**

Date: October 25, 2011

By:

/s/ Thomas C. Freyman  
Thomas C. Freyman  
Executive Vice President, Finance  
and Chief Financial Officer

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Exhibit</b>
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