

COHEN GARY M  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
COHEN GARY M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
BECTON DICKINSON & CO  
[BDX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
  
C/O BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY, 1 BECTON DRIVE  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
11/23/2004

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
President - BD Medical

FRANKLIN LAKES, NJ 07417

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)			
			Code	V	Amount		
					(1)		
Common Stock	11/23/2004		A		4,495 54.41		
Common Stock					41,143	D	
					10,635	I	SIP Trust (2)

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

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**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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 54.41	11/23/2004		A	23,177	11/23/2005 <sup>(3)</sup> 11/23/2015	Common Stock	23,177

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
COHEN GARY M C/O BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY 1 BECTON DRIVE FRANKLIN LAKES, NJ 07417			President - BD Medical	

## Signatures

Patricia Walesiewicz, by power of attorney for Gary M. Cohen  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person  
 11/26/2004  
 Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- (1) Represents shares awarded under the Becton, Dickinson and Company 2004 Employee and Director Equity-Based Compensation Plan. Represents shares of common stock held under the Becton, Dickinson and Company Savings Incentive Plan (the "SIP"). Mr. Cohen also
- (2) has an interest in 491 shares of Series B Convertible Preferred Stock under the SIP, which are convertible into 3,142 shares of common stock. The information presented for the SIP is as of October 31, 2004.
- (3) The option vests in four annual installments beginning November 23, 2005.

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