

BECTON DICKINSON & CO  
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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 \*  
BECTON HENRY P JR

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/14/2004

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

C/O BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY, 1 BECTON DRIVE

(Street)

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

FRANKLIN LAKES, NJ 07417

(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.		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)				Price
Common Stock	12/14/2004		G	V	5,080	D	\$ 0	121,865	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/14/2004		G	V	4,400	A	\$ 0	36,720 (2)	I	By wife
Common Stock	12/15/2004		G	V	50	D	\$ 0	121,815	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/23/2004		G	V	200	A	\$ 0	36,920 (2)	I	By wife

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Common Stock	02/02/2005		G	V	1,200	A	\$ 0	109,640	I	See footnote (3)
Common Stock	02/25/2005		S		1,000	D	\$ 59.37	120,815	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock								946,582	I	See footnote (4)
Common Stock								104,590	I	See footnote (4)
Common Stock								121,800	I	See footnote (5)
Common Stock								1,600 (2)	I	By daughter
Common Stock								32,000	I	See footnote (6)
Common Stock								5,212	D	
Common Stock								2,410 (7)	D	

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 6)		
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BECTON HENRY P JR C/O BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY 1 BECTON DRIVE FRANKLIN LAKES, NJ 07417	X			

## Signatures

Patricia Walesiewicz, by power of attorney for Henry P.  
Becton, Jr.

02/28/2005

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

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

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