

SHERMAN JEFFREY S
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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 *
SHERMAN JEFFREY S

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)

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

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

11/23/2004

VP and General Counsel

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

FRANKLIN LAKES, NJ 07417

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)	Price		
			Code	V	Amount		
Common Stock	11/23/2004		A		3,162 (1)	\$	54.41
					10,958		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)

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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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 54.41	11/23/2004		A	16,301	11/23/2005 ⁽²⁾ 11/23/2015	Common Stock	16,301

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SHERMAN JEFFREY S
C/O BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY
1 BECTON DRIVE
FRANKLIN LAKES, NJ 07417

VP and General Counsel

Signatures

Patricia Walesiewicz, by power of attorney for Jeffrey S.
Sherman

11/26/2004

**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) Represents shares awarded under the Becton, Dickinson and Company 2004 Employee and Director Equity-Based Compensation Plan.

(2) The option vests in four annual installments beginning November 23, 2005.

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