

ABBOTT LABORATORIES
Form SC 13D/A
September 30, 2002

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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D/A
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. 4)*

SpectRx, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)
Common Stock, par value \$.001 per share

(Title of Class of Securities)
847635109

(CUSIP Number)
Jose M. de Lasa, 100 Abbott Park Road
Abbott Park, Illinois 60064-6049; Phone (847) 937-8905

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized
to Receive Notices and Communications)
September 27, 2002

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of sections 240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g) check the following box o.

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Schedule 13D/A

CUSIP No. 847635109

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- 1) NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

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Abbott Laboratories
IRS Identification No. 36-0698440

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- 2) CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP
- (a)
- (b)
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3) SEC USE ONLY

4) SOURCE OF FUNDS

- 5) CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)
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6) CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Illinois

| | | |
|---------------|-----|--------------------------|
| NUMBER OF | 7) | SOLE VOTING POWER |
| SHARES | | 732,860 |
| BENEFICIALLY | 8) | SHARED VOTING POWER |
| OWNED BY EACH | | 0 |
| REPORTING | 9) | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER |
| PERSON WITH | | 732,860 |
| | 10) | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER |
| | | 0 |

11) AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

732,860

12) CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

13) PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

6.5% (see Item 5 below)

14) TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

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