

ABBOTT LABORATORIES  
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**FORM 4**

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
NEMMERS JOSEPH M

(Last) (First) (Middle)

100 ABBOTT PARK ROAD

(Street)

ABBOTT PARK, IL 60064-6400

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ABBOTT LABORATORIES [ABT]

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

02/18/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Senior Vice President

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

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common shares without par value	02/18/2005		A <sup>(1)</sup>		9,300	A	\$ 46.34
Common shares without par value					10,642 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	Profit Sharing Trust
Common shares without par value					340 <sup>(3)</sup> <sup>(4)</sup>	I	By self for son

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Common shares without par value	340 <sup>(3)</sup> <sup>(4)</sup>	I	By self for son
Common shares without par value	279 <sup>(3)</sup> <sup>(4)</sup>	I	By self for son
Common shares without par value	285 <sup>(3)</sup> <sup>(4)</sup>	I	By self for son

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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option (right to buy) <sup>(5)</sup>	\$ 46.34	02/18/2005		A	63,800	02/18/2006	02/17/2015	common shares	63,800

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NEMMERS JOSEPH M 100 ABBOTT PARK ROAD ABBOTT PARK, IL 60064-6400			Senior Vice President	

## Signatures

/s/ John A. Berry, Attorney-in-Fact for Joseph M.  
Nemmers

02/23/2005

\_\_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) These shares represent a restricted stock award under the Abbott Laboratories 1996 Incentive Stock Program in a transaction exempt from Section 16(b) under Rule 16b-3. The award includes the right to have stock withheld for tax purposes.
- (2) Balance in the Abbott Laboratories Stock Retirement Trust as of February 17, 2005.
- (3) Reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of all securities held by his sons.
- (4) Includes shares acquired under the Abbott Laboratories Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan in transactions exempt from Section 16 under Rule 16(a)-11.  
Employee stock options granted pursuant to the Abbott Laboratories 1996 Incentive Stock Program in a transaction exempt from Section
- (5) 16(b) under Rule 16b-3. The option becomes exercisable in annual increments of 21,267 on 2/18/06, 21,267 on 2/18/07, and 21,266 on 2/18/08.

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