

BAXTER INTERNATIONAL INC  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <b>Gatling, James M.</b> (Last) (First) (Middle)			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>Baxter International Inc. BAX</b>			6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) _ Director _ _ 10% Owner _ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) _ Other (specify below) <b>Corporate Vice President of Issuer's Subsidiary</b>		
Baxter International Inc. One Baxter Parkway			3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)			4. Statement for Month/Day/Year <b>12/20/2002</b>		
(Street) <b>Deerfield, IL 60015</b>			5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)			7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 & 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactions(s) (Instr. 3 & 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 Stock, \$1 par value								148,416	D	
Common Stock, \$1 par value								7,746	I	By 401(K)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.  
\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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**FORM 4 (continued) Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of	3. Transaction Date (Month/	3A. Deemed Execution Date, Date,	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially	10. Ownership Form	11. of Ber Ow
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(Instr. 3)	Derivative Security	Day/Year	if any (Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		Year	(Instr. 3 & 4)		Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		
					(Instr. 3, 4 & 5)			Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exer-cisable	Expira-tion Date				
<b>Deferred Compensation Plan - Baxter Stock Fund<sup>(1)</sup></b>		<sup>(2)</sup> 12/20/2002		A		59.2 <sup>(3)</sup>		<sup>(4)</sup>	<sup>(5)</sup>	Common Stock, \$1 par value <sup>(6)</sup>	59.2 <sup>(7)</sup>	<sup>(8)</sup> 5,807.1 <sup>(9)</sup>	D

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Reporting person allocated compensation deferred under Baxter's Deferred Compensation Plan (Plan) to the Baxter Common Stock Fund notional investment alternative. The value of the reporting person's Plan account is based on the performance of the Baxter Common Stock Fund and any other benchmark investment funds selected by the reporting person. Amounts deferred are not actually invested in the Baxter Common Stock Fund or Baxter common stock.

(2) 1-for-1

(3) Equal to the amount of compensation deferred under the Plan on December 20, 2002 allocated to the Baxter Common Stock Fund notional investment alternative, divided by \$28.25 which was the closing price of Baxter Common Stock as reported on the New York Stock Exchange on December 20, 2002.

(4) Reporting person's account balance under the Plan is payable in cash after termination of employment or on a future date designated in advance by the reporting person, subject to the terms of the Plan. The reporting person may change investment elections quarterly.

(5) Please see footnote 4.

(6) Please see footnote 1.

(7) Please see footnote 3.

(8) Please see footnote 3.

(9) Equal to the reporting person's Baxter Common Stock Fund account balance as of December 20, 2002, divided by \$28.25 which was the closing price of Baxter Common Stock on December 20, 2002, as reported by the New York Stock Exchange.

By: /s/ **William M. Link, Attorney-in-Fact** **12/23/2002**  
**for James M. Gatling** Date

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

\*\*Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.  
 See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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