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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SPAULDING JEAN G (Last) (First) (Middle) 2400 PRATT STREET, SUITE 1500								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) _X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)			
(Street) DURHAM, NC 27705			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ 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									ally Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction I (Month/Day/Ye	ear) Execution	emed on Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	Disposed (Instr. 3,	(A) or 1 of (D) 4 and 5)) Price	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)	
Shares Common Shares								150	I	By 401(k) plan sponsored by reporting person's medical practice	
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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	onof Derivative	` ,	te	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. F Der Sec (Ins
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Option (right to buy) (1)	\$ 70.3					05/01/2002	05/01/2012	Common Shares	2,134	
Option (right to buy) (2)	\$ 70.3					05/01/2002	05/01/2012	Common Shares	1,422	
Option (right to buy) (2)	\$ 70.01					11/06/2002	11/06/2012	Common Shares	3,571	
Option (right to buy) (2)	\$ 59					11/05/2003	11/05/2013	Common Shares	5,084	
Option (right to buy) (1)	\$ 54.2					12/08/2004	12/08/2014	Common Shares	3,094	
Option (right to buy) (2)	\$ 54.2					12/08/2004	12/08/2014	Common Shares	2,441	
Option (right to buy) (1)	\$ 61.79					11/02/2006	11/02/2012	Common Shares	2,714	
Option (right to buy) (2)	\$ 61.79					11/02/2006	11/02/2012	Common Shares	684	
Phantom Stock (3)	<u>(4)</u>	02/23/2006		A	242	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Shares	242	\$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SPAULDING JEAN G

2400 PRATT STREET SUITE 1500 DURHAM, NC 27705

X

Signatures

Jean G.
Spaulding

**Signature of Reporting Person

O2/23/2006

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) Stock option granted pursuant to the Cardinal Health, Inc. Equity Incentive Plan.
- (2) Stock option granted pursuant to the Cardinal Health, Inc. Outside Directors Equity Incentive Plan.
 - Phantom stock held under the Company's Deferred Compensation Plan (the "Plan") was previously reported as common shares on Table I to Form 4 because, among other things, the Plan only permitted payment of amounts credited to a participant's Company stock account
- (3) under the Plan in common shares. The Plan was amended in December 2005 to permit payment of amounts credited to a participant's Company stock account either in cash or in common shares at the election of the participant. Accordingly, acquisitions of shares of phantom stock under the Plan are now reported on Table II.
- (4) Each share of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one common share. The shares of phantom stock become payable, in cash or common shares, at the election of the reporting person, at least six months after termination from board service.

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