

ABBOTT LABORATORIES  
Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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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 *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Warmuth Michael J		(Month/Day/Year)	ABBOTT LABORATORIES [ABT]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
100 ABBOTT PARK ROAD			(Check all applicable)	
(Street)			<input type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
ABBOTT			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
PARK,Â ILÂ 60064-6400			(give title below)	(specify below)
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Senior Vice President	
			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)	
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person	
			<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common shares without par value	34,979	D	Â
Common shares without par value	23 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	Profit Sharing Trust
Common shares without par value	72 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	Held by spouse

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security	4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	(Instr. 5)
Option (right to buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	02/16/2010	02/15/2017	Common shares	8,933	\$ 52.54	D	Â
Option (right to buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	02/15/2009	02/14/2018	Common shares	8,500	\$ 55.56	D	Â
Option (right to buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	02/15/2010	02/14/2018	Common shares	8,500	\$ 55.56	D	Â
Option (right to buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	02/15/2011	02/14/2018	Common shares	8,500	\$ 55.56	D	Â
Option (right to buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	09/28/2008	02/11/2009	Common shares	4,514	\$ 54.03	D	Â
Option (right to buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	09/28/2008	02/13/2013	Common shares	4,540	\$ 54.03	D	Â
Option (right to buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	03/05/2009	02/13/2013	Common shares	2,649	\$ 57.93	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Warmuth Michael J 100 ABBOTT PARK ROAD ABBOTT PARK, IL 60064-6400	Â	Â	Â Senior Vice President	Â

## Signatures

John A. Berry, by power of attorney for Michael J. Warmuth

12/23/2008

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Balance in the Abbott Laboratories Stock Retirement Trust as of December 19, 2008.
- (2) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of all securities held by his spouse.
- (3) Employee stock options granted pursuant to the Abbott Laboratories 1996 Incentive Stock Program in a transaction exempt from Section 16 under Rule 16b-3.

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### Remarks:

Form 2 of 2 Derivative Table

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *See* Instruction 6 for procedure.

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