

ABBOTT LABORATORIES
Form 8-K
February 17, 2017

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D. C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

February 16, 2017

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

ABBOTT LABORATORIES

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Illinois
(State or other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

1-2189
(Commission File Number)

36-0698440
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

100 Abbott Park Road

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Abbott Park, Illinois 60064-6400

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(224) 667-6100**

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02 Election of Directors

On February 16, 2017, Daniel J. Starks was named to the Abbott Board of Directors, effective immediately.

Item 5.03 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year

On February 16, 2017, Abbott Laboratories Board of Directors amended the first sentence of Article III, Section 2 of Abbott's by-laws to provide that Abbott's Board of Directors shall consist of twelve persons, effective as of February 16, 2017. Abbott's by-laws previously provided that the Board of Directors consisted of eleven persons.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Exhibit
3.1	By-Laws of Abbott Laboratories, as amended and restated effective February 16, 2017.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ABBOTT LABORATORIES

Date: February 16, 2017

By:

/s/ Brian B. Yoor
Brian B. Yoor
Senior Vice President, Finance
and Chief Financial Officer

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