

Brecher Mark E
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Brecher Mark E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA HOLDINGS [LH]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 531 SOUTH SPRING STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 07/13/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Chief Medical Officer

BURLINGTON, NC 27215

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	Price	
Common Stock	07/13/2012		M ⁽¹⁾		19,200	\$ 60.04	A 28,715.882 ⁽²⁾ D
Common Stock	07/13/2012		S ⁽¹⁾		19,200	\$ 95	D 9,515.882 ⁽²⁾ D
Common Stock	07/13/2012		S ⁽¹⁾		1,141	\$ 95	D 8,374.882 ⁽²⁾ D

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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Non-qualified Stock Options (3)	\$ 60.04	07/13/2012		M ⁽¹⁾	19,200	03/02/2010 ⁽⁴⁾	03/02/2019			Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Brecher Mark E 531 SOUTH SPRING STREET BURLINGTON, NC 27215			Chief Medical Officer	

Signatures

/s/ F. Samuel Eberts III, Attorney-in-Fact for Mark E. Brecher
 Brecher
 07/17/2012
 **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) Pursuant to a plan in accordance with Rule 10b5-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- (2) Amount includes 229,882 shares acquired on June 30, 2012 under the Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings 1997 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (3) Employee stock option (right to buy) granted pursuant to the Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings 2008 Stock Incentive Plan.
- (4) The option vested in three equal annual installments beginning on March 2, 2010 and is fully vested.

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