

CARDINAL HEALTH INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**DARDEN CALVIN**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

8155 SENTINAE CHASE DRIVE

(Street)

ROSWELL, GA 30076

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**CARDINAL HEALTH INC [CAH]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
**02/23/2006**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Shares				(A) or (D) Price	485	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)**

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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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. F...	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 61.79					11/02/2006	11/02/2012	Common Shares	3,398
Phantom Stock <sup>(2)</sup>	<sup>(3)</sup>	02/23/2006		A	242	<sup>(3)</sup>	<sup>(3)</sup>	Common Shares	242

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DARDEN CALVIN 8155 SENTINAE CHASE DRIVE ROSWELL, GA 30076		X		

## Signatures

Calvin Darden                      02/23/2006  
 \_\_Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting Person

## 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.  
 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 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.
- (3) 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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