

ABBOTT LABORATORIES  
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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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### FORM 8-K

#### CURRENT REPORT

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

April 26, 2002

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

### ABBOTT LABORATORIES

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Illinois**  
(State or other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

**1-2189**  
(Commission File Number)

**36-0698440**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**100 Abbott Park Road**  
**Abbott Park, Illinois 60064-6400**  
(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(847) 937-6100**

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#### **Item 4. Changes in Registrant's Certifying Accountant.**

On April 26, 2002, the Board of Directors of Abbott Laboratories ("Abbott"), upon the recommendation of its Audit Committee, engaged Deloitte & Touche LLP ("Deloitte") as Abbott's independent auditors.

During Abbott's two most recent fiscal years and the subsequent interim period through the date of this Form 8-K, neither Abbott nor anyone on its behalf consulted with Deloitte regarding any of the matters or reportable events listed in Items 304(a)(2)(i) and (ii) of Regulation S-K.

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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: May 2, 2002

/s/ THOMAS C. FREYMAN

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By: Thomas C. Freyman  
Senior Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer

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