

ABBOTT LABORATORIES  
Form 8-K  
May 02, 2012

**UNITED STATES  
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**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **April 27, 2012**

**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**  
**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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  - 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 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers.**

Edward L. Michael, Executive Vice President, Diagnostics Products, has informed Abbott that he will be retiring from the company within the next couple of months.

**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: May 2, 2012

By:

/s/ Thomas C. Freyman  
Thomas C. Freyman  
Executive Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial  
Officer