

CARDINAL HEALTH INC
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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 *
WATKINS CAROLE S

(Last) (First) (Middle)

7000 CARDINAL PLACE

(Street)

DUBLIN, OH 43017

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

CARDINAL HEALTH INC [CAH]

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

05/16/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

EVP - Human Resources

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Shares					7,188	D	
Common Shares					2,075	I	By 401(k) Plan
Common Shares	03/20/2006		G V	35 D 11	2,459	I	By ESPP
Common Shares	05/16/2006		S	175 D \$ 68.01	2,424	I	By ESPP

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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option (right to buy) ⁽²⁾	\$ 36.307					03/02/2001	03/02/2008	Common Shares	4,554
Option (right to buy) ⁽²⁾	\$ 43.14					08/11/2001	08/11/2008	Common Shares	2,025
Option (right to buy) ⁽²⁾	\$ 47.333					03/01/2002	03/01/2009	Common Shares	6,231
Option (right to buy) ⁽³⁾	\$ 31.167					11/15/2002	11/15/2009	Common Shares	13,181
Option (right to buy) ⁽²⁾	\$ 66.083					11/20/2003	11/20/2010	Common Shares	18,704
Option (right to buy) ⁽²⁾	\$ 68.1					11/19/2004	11/19/2011	Common Shares	25,771
Option (right to buy) ⁽²⁾	\$ 67.9					11/18/2005	11/18/2012	Common Shares	28,571
Option (right to buy) ⁽²⁾	\$ 67.9					11/18/2005	02/18/2013	Common Shares	5,259
Option	\$ 61.38					11/17/2006	11/17/2013	Common	32,805

(right to buy) <u>(2)</u>					Shares	
Option (right to buy) <u>(2)</u>	\$ 44.15	08/23/2007	08/23/2014	Common Shares		43,500
Option (right to buy) <u>(2)</u>	\$ 58.88	<u>(4)</u>	09/02/2012	Common Shares		25,817

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WATKINS CAROLE S 7000 CARDINAL PLACE DUBLIN, OH 43017			EVP - Human Resources	

Signatures

Carole S.
Watkins

05/17/2006

 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) Bona fide gift.
- (2) Stock option granted pursuant to the Cardinal Health, Inc. Equity Incentive Plan.
- (3) Stock option granted pursuant to the Cardinal Health, Inc. Broadly-based Equity Incentive Plan.
- (4) Stock option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on 9/2/2006.

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