SCHERING PLOUGH CORP Form SC 13G February 17, 2004

> UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

> > SCHEDULE 13G

UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 (AMENDMENT NO. ____) *

Schering-Plough Corp

(Name of Issuer)

Common

(Title of Class of Securities)

806605101

(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2003

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

[X] Rule 13d-1(b)
[_] Rule 13d-1(c)
[_] Rule 13d-1(d)

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The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1				ING PERSON IDENTIFICATION	NO.	OF	ABOVE	PERSON	 					

	Dodge &	Cox	94-1441976						
2	CHECK T	(a) [_] (b) [_]							
	N/A								
3	SEC USE	SEC USE ONLY							
4	CITIZEN	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION							
	Califor	nia – U.S.A	Δ.						
		5	SOLE VOTING POWER						
	NUMBER OF SHARES		74,926,467						
	BENEFICIALL	6	SHARED VOTING POWER						
	OWNED BY	I	772,100						
	EACH	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER						
	REPORTING PERSON		79,706,603						
	WITH	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER						
			0						
9	9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON								
	79,706,	603							
10	CHECK B	OX IF THE A	AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES	G CERTAIN SHARES*					
	N/A								
11	PERCENT	OF CLASS F	REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9						
	5.4%								
12	TYPE OF	REPORTING	PERSON*						
	IA								
	Item 1(a)	Name of Is Schering-P	ssuer: Plough Corp						
	Item 1(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices: 2000 Galloping Hill Road Kenilworth, NJ 07033								
	Item 2(a) Name of Person Filing: Dodge & Cox								
	Item 2(b)	One Sansom	E the Principal Office or, if none, me St., 35th Floor .sco, CA 94104	Residence:					

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Item 2(c)	Citizenship: California - U.S.A.					
Item 2(d)	Title of Class of Securities: Common					
Item 2(e)	CUSIP Number: 806605101					
Item 3	If the Statement is being filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b), check whether the person filing is a:					
	(e) [X] Investment Advisor registered under section 203 of the Investment Advisors Act of 1940					
Item 4	Ownership: (a) Amount Beneficially Owned: 79,706,603					
	(b) Percent of Class: 5.4%					
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	(c) Number of shares as to which such person has:					
	(i) sole power to vote or direct the vote: 74,926,467					
	(ii) shared power to vote or direct the vote: 772,100					
	(iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 79,706,603					
	(iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 0					
Item 5	Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class: Not applicable.					
Item 6	Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person: Securities reported on this Schedule 13G are beneficially owned by clients of Dodge & Cox, which clients may include investment companies registered under the Investment Company Act and/or employee benefit plans, pension funds, endowment funds or other institutional clients.					
Item 7	Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company: Not applicable.					

Item 8 Identification and Classification of Members of the Group: Not applicable.

Item 9 Notice of Dissolution of a Group: Not applicable.

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Item 10 Certification:

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purpose or effect.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: February 17, 2004

DODGE & COX

By: /s/ THOMAS M. MISTELE Name: Thomas M. Mistele Title: Vice President

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