

ABBOTT LABORATORIES  
Form 8-K  
December 23, 2014

**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): **December 22, 2014**

**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)

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(224) 667-6100**

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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; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers**

As previously reported, Abbott has Agreements Regarding Change in Control ( Agreements ) with its named executive officers, other than Miles D. White, Abbott s Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, who is not party to an Agreement Regarding Change in Control.

The Agreements provide that if Abbott gives notification of extension before the Expiration Date (December 31, 2014), the Agreement s term shall continue through the second anniversary of the Expiration Date.

On December 22, 2014, Abbott notified the named executive officers who are party to the Agreements that the term of the Agreements was extended through December 31, 2016.

**SIGNATURES**

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.

Dated: December 23, 2014

**ABBOTT LABORATORIES**

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