

BAXTER INTERNATIONAL INC

Form 8-K

August 02, 2007

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549  
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): August 1, 2007  
Baxter International Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)  
**Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**1-4448**

(Commission File Number)

**36-0781620**

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**One Baxter Parkway, Deerfield, Illinois**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**60015-4633**

(Zip Code)

**(847) 948-2000**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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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.**

(d) The Board of Directors (the Board ) of Baxter International Inc. (the Company ) has elected Wayne T. Hockmeyer, Ph.D., to serve as a member of the Board, effective as of September 2007. The Board of Directors has not yet determined the committees of the Board to which Dr. Hockmeyer will be named.

Dr. Hockmeyer will be compensated for his service as a director pursuant to the Company's Non-Employee Director Compensation Plan and will be eligible to participate in the Company's Directors' Deferred Compensation Plan. As of the effective date of joining the Board, Dr. Hockmeyer will be granted equity awards designed to compensate him for his 2007 service in an amount consistent with the awards granted annually to non-employee directors pursuant to the Company's Non-Employee Director Compensation Plan.

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**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 thereunto duly authorized.

BAXTER INTERNATIONAL INC.

By: /s/ David P. Scharf  
David P. Scharf  
Corporate Vice President and  
Corporate Secretary

Date: August 2, 2007