

NOVAK RICHARD L  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
NOVAK RICHARD L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA HOLDINGS [LH]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
430 SOUTH SPRING STREET  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
10/26/2004

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP & Chief Operating Officer

BURLINGTON, NC 27215  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	10/26/2004		M		194,400	A	\$ 33.0625
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	10/26/2004		S		47,252	D	\$ 45.4
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	10/26/2004		S		13,718	D	\$ 45.35
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	10/26/2004		S		21,279	D	\$ 45.25
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	10/26/2004		S		112,151	D	\$ 45

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount
Non-qualified Stock Options (1) (3)	\$ 33.0625	10/26/2004		M	194,400	02/05/2002	02/05/2011	Common Stock	194,400

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

NOVAK RICHARD L  
430 SOUTH SPRING STREET  
BURLINGTON, NC 27215

EVP & Chief Operating Officer

## Signatures

By: /s/ BRADFORD T. SMITH, Attorney-in-Fact for Richard L. Novak

10/28/2004

\_\_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) Pursuant to a plan in accordance with Rule 10b5-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- (2) Amount shown reflects a 2-for-1 stock split effective on May 10, 2002.
- (3) Common stock purchase option granted under the Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings 2000 Stock Incentive Plan.

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