

PEDERSON MICHAEL J
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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 *
PEDERSON MICHAEL J

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 100 ABBOTT PARK ROAD
 (Street)

ABBOTT PARK, IL 60064

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ABBOTT LABORATORIES [ABT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 07/21/2017

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Senior Vice President

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common shares without par value	07/21/2017		A	(1)	\$ 0	56,187	D
Common shares without par value	07/21/2017		A	(2)	\$ 0	66,187	D

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)				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option (right to buy) ⁽³⁾	\$ 50.72	07/21/2017		A		69,024		07/21/2018	07/20/2027	Common shares	69,024

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
PEDERSON MICHAEL J 100 ABBOTT PARK ROAD ABBOTT PARK, IL 60064	Senior Vice President

Signatures

John A. Berry, as power of attorney for Michael J. Pederson 07/25/2017

__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) These shares represent performance vested restricted stock awards under the Abbott Laboratories 2017 Incentive Stock Program. The awards have a 5-year term, with no more than 1/3 of the award vesting in any one year upon Abbott reaching a minimum return on equity target. The awards include the right to have stock withheld for tax purposes.
- (2) These are restricted stock units awarded under the Abbott Laboratories 2017 Incentive Stock Program. The awards have a 3-year term, vesting in annual increments of 3,334 on 07/21/2018, 3,333 on 07/21/2019, and 3,333 on 07/21/2020. The awards include the right to have stock withheld for tax purposes.
- (3) Employee stock option granted pursuant to the Abbott Laboratories 2017 Incentive Stock Program in a transaction exempt from Section 16 under Rule 16b-3. The option becomes exercisable in annual increments of 23,008 on 07/21/2018, 23,008 on 07/21/2019, and 23,008 on 07/21/2020.

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