FORD BRENDAN A

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).
(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * FORD BRENDAN A (Last) (First) (Middle)			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CARDINAL HEALTH INC [CAH] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
7000 CARDINAL PLACE			(Month/Day/Year) 12/29/2005					Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below)			
			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting			
DUBLIN, OH 43017			Person								
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction De (Month/Day/Yea	r) Execution	med on Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or Do (Instr. 3,	ispose	d of (D) 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)		
Common Shares	12/29/2005			F(1)	161	D	\$ 65.86 (2)	76,380	D		
Common Shares								12,994	I	By 401(k) Plan	
Common Shares								2,823	I	By ESPP	

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. conNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Pri Deriv Secui (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Option (right to buy) (3)	\$ 17.74					03/04/1999	03/04/2006	Common Shares	13,500	
Option (right to buy) (3)	\$ 27.053					03/03/2000	03/03/2007	Common Shares	10,350	
Option (right to buy) (3)	\$ 27.693					08/24/2000	08/24/2007	Common Shares	22,500	
Option (right to buy) (3)	\$ 36.307					03/02/2001	03/02/2008	Common Shares	9,255	
Option (right to buy) (3)	\$ 43.14					08/11/2001	08/11/2008	Common Shares	7,875	
Option (right to buy) (3)	\$ 47.333					03/01/2002	03/01/2009	Common Shares	23,616	
Option (right to buy) (3)	\$ 31.167					11/15/2002	11/15/2009	Common Shares	45,722	
Option (right to buy) (3)	\$ 66.083					11/20/2003	11/20/2010	Common Shares	34,956	
Option (right to buy) (3)	\$ 68.1					11/19/2004	11/19/2011	Common Shares	37,797	

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Option (right to buy) (3)	\$ 67.9	11/18/2005	11/18/2012	Common Shares	44,183
Option (right to buy) (3)	\$ 67.9	11/18/2005	02/18/2013	Common Shares	4,926
Option (right to buy) (3)	\$ 61.38	11/17/2006	11/17/2013	Common Shares	57,021
Option (right to buy) (3)	\$ 44.15	08/23/2007	08/23/2014	Common Shares	68,000
Option (right to buy) (3)	\$ 58.88	<u>(4)</u>	09/02/2012	Common Shares	53,755

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

FORD BRENDAN A 7000 CARDINAL PLACE DUBLIN, OH 43017

EVP-Corporate Development

Signatures

Brendan A. Ford 01/03/2006

**Signature of 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) Represents a reduction in shares underlying restricted share units to satisfy the tax withholding obligations of the Company with respect to the prior vesting of 7,875 restricted share units.
- (2) Weighted average price of two transactions: 115 shares at \$64.59 and 46 shares at \$69.02.
- (3) Stock option granted pursuant to the Cardinal Health, Inc. Equity Incentive Plan.
- (4) Stock option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on 9/2/2006.

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