

FORD BRENDAN A  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
FORD BRENDAN A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

7000 CARDINAL PLACE

(Street)

DUBLIN, OH 43017

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

CARDINAL HEALTH INC [CAH]

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

12/29/2005

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)

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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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
							\$
Common Shares	12/29/2005		F(1)		161	D	65.86 (2)
Common Shares						I	12,994
Common Shares						I	2,823
							By 401(k) Plan
							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. 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)	8. Price of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option (right to buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 17.74					03/04/1999	03/04/2006	Common Shares	13,500
Option (right to buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 27.053					03/03/2000	03/03/2007	Common Shares	10,350
Option (right to buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 27.693					08/24/2000	08/24/2007	Common Shares	22,500
Option (right to buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 36.307					03/02/2001	03/02/2008	Common Shares	9,255
Option (right to buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 43.14					08/11/2001	08/11/2008	Common Shares	7,875
Option (right to buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 47.333					03/01/2002	03/01/2009	Common Shares	23,616
Option (right to buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 31.167					11/15/2002	11/15/2009	Common Shares	45,722
Option (right to buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 66.083					11/20/2003	11/20/2010	Common Shares	34,956
Option (right to buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 68.1					11/19/2004	11/19/2011	Common Shares	37,797

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

<sup>\*\*</sup>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) 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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