

LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA HOLDINGS  
Form 8-K  
March 17, 2004

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

March 17, 2004

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(Date of earliest event reported)

LABORATORY CORPORATION OF AMERICA HOLDINGS

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE	1-11353	13-3757370
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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification Number)

358 SOUTH MAIN STREET, BURLINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA 27215

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(Address of principal executive offices)

336-229-1127

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

ITEM 9. Regulation FD Disclosure

On March 17, 2004, Laboratory Corporation of America -Registered Trademark- Holdings (LabCorp -Registered Trademark-) (NYSE:LH) announced the availability of HCV FIBROSURE-"TM"-, a noninvasive blood test for assessing liver status in hepatitis C virus (HCV) patients. Developed by leading hepatologists at the Pitie-Salpetriere Hospital and BioPredictive in France, HCV FIBROSURE-"TM"- is only available in the United States through LabCorp.

99.1 Press release of the Company dated March 17, 2004.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

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(Registrant)

By: /s/ BRADFORD T. SMITH

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Bradford T. Smith  
Executive Vice President  
and Secretary

Date: March 17, 2004