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CARDINAL HEALTH INC Form 8-K October 23, 2003

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

DATE OF REPORT (DATE OF EARLIEST EVENT REPORTED): OCTOBER 23, 2003

CARDINAL HEALTH, INC. (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

OHIO (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-11373 31-0958666 (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification Number)

7000 CARDINAL PLACE, DUBLIN, OHIO 43017 (Address of Principal Executive Offices, Including Zip Code)

(614) 757-5000 (Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

ITEM 12. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

The information set forth under this "Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition" is intended to be furnished and such information, including the Exhibits attached hereto, shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

A copy of a press release announcing the Registrant's results for the first fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2003 is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.01.

Attached hereto as Exhibit 99.02 is a discussion of the reasons why management believes that presenting results that exclude the impact of special charges provides a useful representation of the Registrant's current performance and trends.

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

Cardinal Health, Inc.
(Registrant)

Date: October 23, 2003 By: /s/ Paul S. Williams

Name: Paul S. Williams

Title: Executive Vice President,

Chief Legal Officer and Secretary

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EXHIBIT INDEX

- 99.01 Press Release issued by the Registrant on October 23, 2003, and furnished under this Current Report.
- 99.02 Information released by the Company on October 23, 2003, and furnished under this Current Report.

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