

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) March 3, 1997

LABORATORY CORPORATION OF AMERICA HOLDINGS

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

DELAWARE	1-11353	13-3757370
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(State or other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

358 SOUTH MAIN STREET, BURLINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA 27215

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code 910-229-1127

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibit

23 Consent of KPMG Peat Marwick LLP

SIGNATURES

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.

LABORATORY CORPORATION OF AMERICA HOLDINGS

(Registrant)

By: /s/Wesley R. Elingburg

Wesley R. Elingburg
Executive Vice President,
Chief Financial Officer
and Treasurer

Date: March 3, 1997

Independent Auditors' Consent

The Board of Directors
Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings:

We consent to the use of our reports incorporated by reference in the National Health Laboratories Holdings, Inc. Registration Statement on Forms S-4/S-3, dated April 25, 1995 (Registration No. 33-58775) filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended and to the reference to our firm under the heading "Experts" in the resale Prospectus.

/s/ KPMG Peat Marwick LLP

Raleigh, North Carolina
March 3, 1997