

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

June 27, 1996

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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 or  
organization)

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(Commission  
File Number)

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(IRS Employer  
Identification  
Number)

358 SOUTH MAIN STREET, BURLINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA 27215

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(Address of principal executive offices)

910-229-1127

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Item 5. Other Events

On June 27, 1996, the Registrant issued a press release dated as of such date announcing that Haywood D. Cochrane, Jr., Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, intends to leave the Company during the third quarter. After almost twenty years in the laboratory industry, he has decided to pursue an entrepreneurial, venture capital-backed opportunity. Mr. Cochrane will continue his current responsibilities until certain projects are completed and a successor is named. The press release is attached as an exhibit hereto and the text thereof is incorporated in its entirety herein by reference.

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits

(c) Exhibit

20 Press release of the Registrant dated June 27, 1996.



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.

LABORATORY CORPORATION OF AMERICA HOLDINGS

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(Registrant)

By:/s/ Bradford T. Smith

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Executive Vice President,  
General Counsel and Secretary

Date: June 28, 1996



EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number	Exhibit
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20 -	Press release of the Registrant dated June 27, 1996.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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LABORATORY CORPORATION OF AMERICA ANNOUNCES  
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER WILL STEP  
DOWN IN THIRD QUARTER

BURLINGTON, NC, June 27, 1996 - Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings (NYSE: LH) (LabCorp) reported today that Haywood D. Cochrane, Jr., Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, has announced his intention to leave the Company during the third quarter. After almost twenty years in the laboratory industry, he has decided to pursue an entrepreneurial, venture capital-backed opportunity. Mr. Cochrane will continue his current responsibilities until certain projects are completed and a successor is named.

"With Haywood's assistance, LabCorp has made impressive strides since the merger in 1995 between National Health Laboratories Holdings Inc. and Roche Biomedical Laboratories, Inc.," stated Dr. James B. Powell, President and Chief Executive Officer. "We will accept Haywood's resignation with deep regret and wish him well in his new opportunity. Going forward, we will continue to work towards our established goals as we effect an orderly transition."

Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings (LabCorp) is a national clinical laboratory organization with estimated annualized revenues of \$1.7 billion. The Company operates primary testing facilities nationally, offering more than 1,700 different clinical assays, from routine blood analysis to more sophisticated technologies. LabCorp performs diagnostic tests for physicians, managed care organizations, hospitals, clinics, long-term care facilities, industrial companies and other clinical laboratories.