FORM 3

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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|---|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------------|---|----------------------|--|--|----------------------------|---|---|----------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Walton Andrew Scott  2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 01/01/2007 |                 |                   | ment                      | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA HOLDINGS [ LH ] |                      |  |  |                            |   |   |                      |  |  |
| (Last)  | (First)         | (Middle)          |                           |   |                      | tionship of Reporting Perso<br>all applicable)<br>Director | son(s) to Issuer                       |                            | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)    |   |                      |  |  |
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| (Street)  |                 |                   |                           |   | EVP & CIO            |  |  |                            |   | X Form filed by One Reporting Person        |                      |  |  |
| BURLINGTON NC 27215   |                 | 27215             |                           |   |                      | 277 & 616  |  |                            | 11  | •   | y More than One      |  |  |
| (City)  | (State)         | (Zip)             |                           |   |                      |  |  |                            |   |   |                      |  |  |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned  |                 |                   |                           |   |                      |  |  |                            |   |   |                      |  |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)   |                 |                   |                           |   |                      | ınt of Securities<br>ially Owned (Instr. 4)                |  |                            | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)       |   |                      |  |  |
| Common Stock  |                 |                   |                           |   |                      | 3,962.145  | D                                      |                            |   |   |                      |  |  |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)              |                 |                   |                           |   |                      |  |  |                            |   |   |                      |  |  |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)  2. Date Exercisal Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year                                   |                 | ate               | Underlying Derivative Se  |   | rity (Instr. 4) Conv |  | rsion<br>rcise                         | 5.<br>Ownership<br>Form:   | 6. Nature of Indirect<br>Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |   |                      |  |  |
|   |                 |                   | Date<br>Exercisable       | Expiration<br>Date  | Title                |  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares | Price of Derivation Securi | tive  | Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 5) |                      |  |  |
| Non-qualif  | ied Stock Optio | ns <sup>(1)</sup> | 02/23/2007 <sup>(2)</sup> | 02/23/2016  |                      | Common Stock   | 10,000                                 | 58.                        | 57  | D   |                      |  |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Employee stock option (right to buy) granted pursuant to the Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings 2000 Stock Incentive Plan.
- $2. \ The \ option \ vests \ in \ three \ equal \ annual \ installments \ beginning \ on \ the \ date \ reflected \ in \ this \ column.$

By: /s/ BRADFORD T.
SMITH, Attorney-in-Fact for 01/10/2007
Andrew Scott Walton

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (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).

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## POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOWN ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints Bradford T. Smith his true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitute for him and in his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, in connection with the filing for the undersigned on Form  ${\bf 3}$ and Form 4 under the Securities Act of 1934, as amended, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, to sign the Form 3 and Form 4 in the name and on behalf of the undersigned or on behalf of the undersigned as a director or officer of the Corporation, and any amendments to the Form 3 or Form 4, and any instrument, contract, document or other writing, of or in connection with the Form 3 and Form 4 or amendments thereto, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, including this power of attorney, with the Securities and Exchange Commission and any applicable securities exchange or securities self-regulatory body, granting unto said attorney-in-fact and agents, each acting alone, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact and agents, each acting alone, or his substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has signed these presents this 13th day of December 2006.

/s/ Andrew Scott Walton
-----Andrew Scott Walton