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U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 5

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Form 3 Holdings Reported

Form 4 Transactions Reported

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person\*

Novak, Richard L.

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(Last) (First) (Middle)

c/o Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings, 430 South Spring Street

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(Street)

Burlington, North Carolina 27215

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(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings ("LH")

3. IRS Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an Entity (Voluntary)

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4. Statement for Month/Year

December 31, 2002

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)

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6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer

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7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing  
(Check applicable line)

Form Filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person  
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Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of,  
or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/ Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Owner- ship Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr.4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Amount	Price (A) (D)			
Common Stock	1/7/02		A	32,000	A		D	
Common Stock	2/14/02		A	47,500	A	300,288 (1)	D	

(1) Amount shown reflects a 2-for-1 stock split effective on May 10, 2002.

Table II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/ Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr.8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date
Non-Qualified Stock Option (2)	\$78.68	1/7/02		A	47,700		(3)	1/7/12
Non-Qualified Stock Option (4)	\$87.06	2/14/02		A	67,700		(5)	2/14/12

7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Year (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	\$78.68	95,400 (6)	D	
Common Stock	\$87.06	135,400 (6)	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (2) Employee stock option (right to buy) granted pursuant to the Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings 2000 Stock Incentive Plan.
- (3) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on January 7, 2003.
- (4) Employee stock option (right to buy) granted pursuant to the Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings 2000 Stock Incentive Plan.
- (5) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on February 14, 2003.
- (6) Amount shown reflects a 2-for-1 stock split effective on May 10, 2002.

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\*\*Signature of Reporting Person  
Bradford T. Smith, Attorney-in-Fact for  
Richard L. Novak

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Date

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

\* If the form is filed by more than one Reporting Person, see Instruction 4(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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