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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Scharf David P.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 BAXTER INTERNATIONAL INC
 [BAX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 02/16/2016

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 CVP and General Counsel

ONE BAXTER PARKWAY

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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DEERFIELD, IL 60015

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock, \$1 par value	02/16/2016		A ⁽¹⁾		3,745 A \$ 0		D
Common Stock, \$1 par value	02/16/2016		F		5,294 ⁽²⁾ D \$ 37.41		D
Common Stock, \$1 par value	02/16/2016		A ⁽³⁾		2,525 A \$ 0		D

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

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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. Transaction 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)	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 (Instr. 5)
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Scharf David P. ONE BAXTER PARKWAY DEERFIELD, IL 60015			CVP and General Counsel	

Signatures

/s/ David P. Scharf 02/18/2016

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) Represents shares earned from the performance share unit award granted on March 5, 2013 pursuant to the Equity Plan adopted by Baxter International Inc. (Baxter) as of such date (the 2013 PSUs). The award provides that fifty percent of the performance share units are earned based on Baxter's Return on Invested Capital (ROIC) performance annually over a three-year period with one-third of the ROIC performance share units allocated to each one-year period. In connection with the spin-off of Baxalta Incorporated (Baxalta) from Baxter, the 2015 performance period was adjusted so that the vesting of the ROIC performance share units allocated to that year will vest based upon a percentage determined by adding (i) the percentage determined by the extent to which Baxter, prior to giving effect to the spin-off, achieves the ROIC performance target for the first six months of 2015, plus (ii) in the case of the reporting person, the percentage determined by the extent to which Baxter, after giving effect to the spin-off, achieves its ROIC performance targets for the last six months of 2015, and dividing such sum by two. As previously reported on August 13, 2015, the reporting person earned 875 shares based on Baxter's ROIC during the performance period for the first half of 2015. The number of shares reported on this Form 4 represents

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the shares earned based on Baxter's ROIC during the performance period for the second half of 2015, as well as the dividends that accrued on previously earned and reported shares from the 2013 PSUs. All shares earned pursuant to the 2013 PSUs vested upon final determination of achievement of Baxter's ROIC performance target for the second six months of 2015.

- (2) Represents the number of shares forfeited by the reporting person to cover the withholding of taxes incurred as a result of the vesting of shares earned in 2013, 2014, and 2015 pursuant to the 2013 PSUs.

Represents shares earned from the performance share unit award granted on March 4, 2014 pursuant to the Equity Plan adopted by Baxter as of such date (the 2014 PSUs). The award provides that fifty percent of the performance share units are earned based on Baxter's ROIC performance annually over a three-year period with one-third of the ROIC performance share units allocated to each one-year period. In connection with the spin-off of Baxalta Incorporated from Baxter, the 2015 performance period was adjusted as described in Note 1 above with respect to the 2013 PSUs. As previously reported on August 13, 2015, the reporting person earned 783 shares based on Baxter's ROIC during the performance period for the first half of 2015. The number of shares reported on this Form 4 represents the shares earned based on Baxter's ROIC during the performance period for the second half of 2015. These shares are scheduled to vest after the end of the relevant three-year performance period.

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