## 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

**December 23, 2003** 

**Date of Report** 

### **BAXTER INTERNATIONAL INC.**

 $(Exact\ name\ of\ registrant\ as\ specified\ in\ its\ charter)$ 

#### **Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-4448 (Commission file number)

36-0781620 (IRS Employer Identification

No.)

One Baxter Parkway, Deerfield, Illinois (Address of principal executive offices)

60015 (Zip Code)

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Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (847) 948-2000

### Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure

On December 23, 2003, Baxter International Inc. issued the attached press release announcing revised earnings per diluted share expectations for the fourth quarter and full year 2003. The press release is furnished as Exhibit 99 and incorporated herein by reference.

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#### **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 thereunto duly authorized.

BAXTER INTERNATIONAL INC.

(Registrant)

By: /s/ Jan Stern Reed

Jan Stern Reed

Corporate Secretary

Date: December 23, 2003

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### **Exhibit Index**

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99	Press Release dated December 23, 2003

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