

**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

Date of Report: April 18, 2001

**C. R. BARD, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New Jersey  
(State of Incorporation)

1-6926  
(Commission File Number)

22-1454160  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

730 Central Avenue, Murray Hill, New Jersey 07974  
(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(908) 277-8000

***Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure***

Following the achievement of the applicable performance criteria, 152,000 shares of performance-based restricted stock held by certain members of Bard's senior management have become eligible for vesting. Additionally as the result of the achievement of the performance criteria, 661,500 performance-based options held by certain members of Bard's senior management have vested and become exercisable. Bard today granted additional performance-based options to certain of its senior managers.

**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 hereunto duly authorized.

**C. R. BARD, INC.**

(Registrant)

Charles P. Slacik     /s/

Charles P. Slacik

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: April 18, 2001