ABBOTT LABORATORIES Form SC TO-T/A January 28, 2004

QuickLinks -- Click here to rapidly navigate through this document

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## **SCHEDULE TO**

(Rule 14d-100)

Tender Offer Statement under Section 14(d)(1) or Section 13(e)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. 4)

and

## SCHEDULE 13D

(Rule 13d-101) (Amendment No. 4)

# i-STAT CORPORATION

(Name of Subject Company (Issuer))

# **Senator Acquisition Corporation**

a wholly owned subsidiary of

# ABBOTT LABORATORIES

(Names of Filing Persons (Offerors))

#### **COMMON STOCK, PAR VALUE \$.15 PER SHARE**

(together with associated preferred stock purchase rights)

(Title of Class of Securities)

450312 10 3

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

Jose M. de Lasa Senior Vice President and General Counsel Abbott Laboratories 100 Abbott Park Road Abbott Park, Illinois 60064-6400 (847) 937-6100

(Name, address and telephone number of person authorized to receive notices and communications on behalf of filing persons)

With a copy to:

James T. Lidbury
Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw LLP
190 South LaSalle Street

Chicago, Illinois 60603 Telephone: (312) 782-0600

	Transaction Valuat		ATION OF FILE	NG FEE Amount of Filing Fee**	
	\$422,666,141			\$34,194	
*					
	outstanding shares of common strights (the "Common Shares"), le Share, (ii) 4,501,515 Common S Stock of the Company, at a price price of \$7.35 per Common Share Common Share), and (iv) 3,840,	cock of i-STAT Corpo ess the 2,000,000 Corr hares issuable upon co of \$15.35 per Commo re (representing the off 599 Common Shares s per Common Share. T	ration (the "Comp nmon Shares ownersonversion of the 30 on Share, (iii) 1,87 fer price of \$15.35 subject to outstand	his calculation assumes the purchase of (i) the 20,295 any"), together with the associated preferred stock purd by the filing persons, at a price of \$15.35 per Commo,000 outstanding shares of Series D Convertible Prefe 5,357.5 Common Shares subject to outstanding warraper Common Share less the exercise price of \$8.00 pring options granted under the Company's employee state filing fee is based on the Company's representation	rchase non erred ants at a per tock
**					
	<u> </u>			the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, an als .008090% of the transaction value, or \$34,194.	d Fee
ý				(2) and identify the filing with which the offsetting fention or the Form or Schedule and the date of its filing	
	Amount Previously Paid: Form or Registration No.:	\$34,194 Schedule TO	Filing Party: Date Filed:	Abbott Laboratories and Senator Acquisition Cor December 29, 2003 and January 14, 2004	rporatio
0	Check the box if the filing relate	s solely to preliminary	communications	made before the commencement of a tender offer.	
	Check the appropriate boxes belo	ow to designate any tra	ansactions to whic	h the statement relates:	
	ý third-party tender offe	subject to Rule 14d-1	l.		
	o issuer tender offer sub	ject to Rule 13e-4.			
	o going-private transacti	on subject to Rule 13e	÷-3.		
	ý amendment to Schedul	le 13D under Rule 13d	1-2.		
Checl	k the following box if the filing is a fi	nal amendment report	ing the results of t	he tender offer. ý	

SCHEDULE 13D

CUSIP NO.: 450312 10 3

1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY) Abbott Laboratories I.R.S. Identification No. 36-0698440						
2	2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (						
3 SEC USE ONLY							
4	4 SOURCE OF FUNDS WC						
5	5 CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) or 2(e)						
6	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF Illinois	ORGAN	IIZATION				
NUMBE SHARES	5	7	SOLE VOTING POWER -0-				
OWNED EACH REPORT		8	SHARED VOTING POWER 23,026,040 shares(1)				
PERSON		9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER -0-				
		10	WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 23,026,040 shares(1)				
11	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BEN 23,026,040 shares(1)	IEFICIA	LLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON				
12	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGRE	GATE A	MOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES	0			
13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) 96.3%						
14	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSO	ON					
(1)	Includes 1,850,010 shares of co Series D Convertible Preferred		ock subject to warrants and 4,413,250 shares of common stock into which 30,0 convertible.	000 shares of			

# SCHEDULE 13D

CUSIP NO.: 450312 10 3

1	NAME OF REPORTING PER I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS Senator Acquisition Corpora	S. OF AB	OVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)		
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE	BOX IF	A MEMBER OF A GROUP	(a) o (b) o	
3	3 SEC USE ONLY				
4	SOURCE OF FUNDS WC				
5	CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF	LEGAL	PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) or 2(e)	o	
6	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF Delaware	ORGAN	NIZATION		
NUMBI SHARE BENEF		7	SOLE VOTING POWER -0-		
OWNEI EACH REPOR	D BY	8	SHARED VOTING POWER 23,026,040 shares(1)		
PERSO!		9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER -0-		
		10	WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 23,026,040 shares(1)		
11	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BEI 23,026,040 shares(1)	NEFICIA	LLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON		
12	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES o				
13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) 96.3%				
14	TYPE OF REPORTING PERS	ON			

Includes 1,850,010 shares of common stock subject to warrants and 4,413,250 shares of common stock into which 30,000 shares of Series D Convertible Preferred Stock are convertible.

3

#### Amendment No. 4

This Amendment No. 4 amends and supplements the Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO filed initially with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") on December 29, 2003, as amended (the "Schedule TO") by Abbott Laboratories, an Illinois corporation ("Abbott") and Senator Acquisition Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "Purchaser") and a wholly owned subsidiary of Abbott, and the Schedule 13D filed with the Commission by Abbott on August 13, 1998, as amended. The Schedule TO relates to the offer by the Purchaser to purchase (i) all of the outstanding shares of common stock, par value \$.15 per share, of i-STAT Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), together with the associated preferred stock purchase rights issued pursuant to the Stockholder Protection Agreement, dated as of June 26, 1995, between the Company and Wachovia Bank N.A., as rights agent (the "Common Shares"), at a price of \$15.35 per Common Share, (ii) all of the outstanding shares of Series D Convertible Preferred Stock, par value \$.10 per share, of the Company (the "Series D Shares"), at a price per Series D Share equal to \$15.35 multiplied by the number of Common Shares issuable upon conversion of a Series D Share as of the final expiration of the offer, without regard to certain restrictions on beneficial ownership, and (iii) all of the outstanding six-year warrants to purchase Common Shares expiring in 2007 and having an exercise price of \$8.00 per Common Share (the "Warrants" and, together with the Common Shares and the Series D Shares, the "Securities") at a price of \$7.35 per Common Share purchasable pursuant to each such warrant, in each case net to the seller in cash and without interest.

The terms and conditions of the offer are described in the Offer to Purchase dated December 29, 2003 (the "Offer to Purchase"), a copy of which was filed as Exhibit (a)(1)(A) to the Schedule TO, and the related Letter of Transmittal for tender of Common Shares and instructions thereto, a copy of which was filed as Exhibit (a)(1)(B) to the Schedule TO (which, as they may be amended or supplemented from time to time, together constitute the "Offer"). Terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Offer to Purchase.

#### Items 4, 8 and 11 of the Schedule TO and Item 5 of the Schedule 13D.

Items 4, 8 and 11 of the Schedule TO and Item 5 of the Schedule 13D are hereby amended and supplemented to include the following:

"The Offer expired at 12:00 midnight, New York City time, on Tuesday, January 27, 2004, and was not extended. Based on information provided by the Depositary to Abbott, as of January 27, 2004, approximately 21,026,040 Common Shares were validly tendered and not withdrawn prior to the expiration of the Offer, including 1,088,097 Common Shares tendered subject to guaranteed delivery procedures. These Common Shares, together with 2,000,000 Common Shares owned by Abbott, represent approximately 96.3% of the Company's outstanding Common Shares. In addition, all of the 30,000 outstanding Series D Shares were validly tendered into the Offer, together with Warrants to purchase 1,850,010 Common Shares, representing all of the outstanding Warrants. The Purchaser has accepted for payment all Securities validly tendered and not withdrawn prior to the expiration of the Offer.

Pursuant to the terms of the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of December 12, 2003, among Abbott, the Purchaser and the Company, Abbott intends to cause the merger of Purchaser with and into the Company (the "Merger") following the expiration of the Offer. At the effective time of the Merger, each outstanding Common Share (other than Common Shares that are held by the Company as treasury stock or owned by the Company, any of its subsidiaries, Abbott or the Purchaser, and other than Common Shares that are held by stockholders, if any, who properly exercise their dissenters' rights under Delaware law) will be converted into the right to receive \$15.35 in cash without interest.

4

On January 28, 2004, Abbott issued a press release announcing the results of the Offer. The full text of the press release is filed as Exhibit(a)(5)(C) and is incorporated by reference herein."

#### Item 12. Exhibits.

Item 12 of the Schedule TO is hereby amended and supplemented to include the following:

"(a)(5)(C) Press Release issued by Abbott dated January 28, 2004."

## **SIGNATURES**

After due inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

## ABBOTT LABORATORIES

By: /s/ THOMAS C. FREYMAN

Name: Thomas C. Freyman

Title: Senior Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer

SENATOR ACQUISITION CORPORATION

By: /s/ THOMAS C. FREYMAN

Name: Thomas C. Freyman

Title: President

Dated: January 28, 2004

6

## **EXHIBIT INDEX**

Exhibit No.	Exhibit Name				
(a)(5)(C)	Press Release issued by Abbott dated January 28, 2004.				

QuickLinks

**SIGNATURES** 

**EXHIBIT INDEX**