ABELE JOHN E Form SC 13G/A February 14, 2003

> SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

> > SCHEDULE 13G (RULE 13D-102)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT TO RULES 13D-1(B), (C), AND (D) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 13D-2(B)

(AMENDMENT NO. 9)(1)

Boston Scientific Corporation

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share

(Title or Class of Securities)

101137 10 7

(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2002

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

[] Rule 13d-1(b)

[] Rule 13d-1(c)

[X] Rule 13d-1(d)

(1) The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934("Act")or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1	NAMES OF REPORT I.R.S. IDENTIFI		NS . OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITI	ES ONLY)		
	John E. Abele					
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*					
	(A) []					
	Not applicable.			(B) []		
3	SEC USE ONLY					
4	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION					
	The United States of America					
		5	SOLE VOTING POWER			
			27,090,250 (See Item 4	(a))		
	NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	6	SHARED VOTING POWER			
			832,119			
		7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER			
			27,090,250 (See Item 4	(a))		
		8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POW	'ER		
			832,119			
9	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON					
	27,922,369					
10	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES* [X]					
11	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)					
	6.8%					
12	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*					
	IN					
	* *SE	E INSTRUCT	TIONS BEFORE FILLING OUT!			

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ITEM 1(A). NAME OF ISSUER:					
	Boston Scientific Corp	oration, a Delaware corr	poration		
ITEM 1(B).	ADDRESS OF ISSUER'S PR	INCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICE	ES:		
	One Boston Scientific Natick, MA 01760	Place			
ITEM 2(A).	NAME OF PERSON FILING:				
	John E. Abele (the "Re	porting Person")			
ITEM 2(B).	ADDRESS OF PRINICIPAL	BUSINESS OFFICE OR, IF N	NONE, RESIDENCE:		
	c/o Boston Scientific One Boston Scientific Natick, MA 01760	-			
ITEM 2(C).	CITIZENSHIP:				
	The United States of A	merica			
ITEM 2(D).	TITLE OF CLASS OF SECU	RITIES:			
	Common Stock, \$0.01 pa	r value per share			
ITEM 2(E).	CUSIP NUMBER:				
	101137 10 7				
ITEM 3.	IF THIS STATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO RULES $13D-1(B)$, OR $13D-2(B)$, CHECK WHETHER THE PERSON FILING IS A:				
	Not applicable.				
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ITEM 4. OWNERSHIP:					
(a) Amount beneficially owned: The Reporting Person owns beneficially a total of 27,922,369 (1) shares.					

- (b) Percent of class: 6.8%
- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
 - (i) Sole Power to vote or to direct the vote: 27,090,250
 - (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 832,119
 - (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 27,090,250
 - (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 832,119

ITEM 5. OWNERSHIP OF FIVE PERCENT OR LESS OF A CLASS:

Not applicable.

ITEM 6. OWNERSHIP OF MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON:

Not applicable.

ITEM 7. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBSIDIARY WHICH ACQUIRED THE SECURITY BEING REPORTED ON BY THE PARENT HOLDING COMPANY:

Not applicable.

ITEM 8. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP:

Not applicable.

ITEM 9. NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF GROUP:

Not applicable.

ITEM 10. CERTIFICATIONS:

Not applicable.

(1) Includes 832,119 shares owned by a charitable trust of which the Reporting Person is a trustee and shares investment and ownership control. Also includes 210,000 shares subject to exercisable options granted to the Reporting Person. Does not include 200,000 shares owned by the Reporting Person's wife. In accordance with Rule 13d-4, the Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these 200,000 shares.

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, ${\tt I}$ certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

February 14, 2003 -----(Date)

/s/ John E. Abele

John E. Abele