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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **December 13, 2018**

**ABBVIE INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**

(State or other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**001-35565**

(Commission File Number)

**32-0375147**

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

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**1 North Waukegan Road  
North Chicago, Illinois 60064-6400**

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(847) 932-7900**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR 230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR 240.12b-2).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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**Item 5.02 — Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

Effective December 13, 2018, Michael E. Severino, M.D., 52, has been appointed Vice Chairman and President, Laura J. Schumacher, 55, has been appointed Vice Chairman, External Affairs and Chief Legal Officer, and Carlos Alban, 55, has been appointed Vice Chairman, Chief Commercial Officer. A copy of a press release announcing these appointments is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Dr. Severino has served as AbbVie’s Executive Vice President, Research and Development and Chief Scientific Officer since he joined AbbVie in 2014. He previously served at Amgen Inc. as Senior Vice President, Global Development and Corporate Chief Medical Officer from 2012 to 2014.

Ms. Schumacher served as AbbVie’s Executive Vice President, External Affairs, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, responsible for AbbVie’s externally-facing functions of Health Economics Outcomes Research, Government Affairs, Corporate Responsibility, Brand and Communications since 2015. She served as AbbVie’s Executive Vice President, Business Development, External Affairs and General Counsel from 2012 to 2015. Ms. Schumacher joined Abbott Laboratories (“Abbott”), AbbVie’s former parent company, in 1990. Ms. Schumacher also serves on the board of General Dynamics Corporation.

Mr. Alban has served as AbbVie’s Executive Vice President, Commercial Operations since 2012. Mr. Alban joined Abbott in 1986.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Exhibit</u>
99.1	<a href="#">Press Release dated December 17, 2018.</a>

**SIGNATURE**

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.

**ABBVIE INC.**

Date: December 17, 2018

By: /s/ Timothy J. Richmond  
Timothy J. Richmond  
Executive Vice President, Chief Human Resources Officer



## About AbbVie

AbbVie is a global, research and development-based biopharmaceutical company committed to developing innovative advanced therapies for some of the world's most complex and critical conditions. The company's mission is to use its expertise, dedicated people and unique approach to innovation to markedly improve treatments across four primary therapeutic areas: immunology, oncology, virology and neuroscience. In more than 75 countries, AbbVie employees are working every day to advance health solutions for people around the world. For more information about AbbVie, please visit us at [www.abbvie.com](http://www.abbvie.com). Follow @abbvie on Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn or Instagram.

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