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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

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

(Title of Class of Securities)

450213 10 3

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

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