

THERASENSE INC  
Form DEFA14A  
January 20, 2004

**SCHEDULE 14A**  
**(Rule 14a-101)**  
**INFORMATION REQUIRED IN PROXY STATEMENT**  
**SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION**  
**Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of the**  
**Securities Exchange Act of 1934**  
**(Amendment No. )**

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**THERASENSE, INC.**

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The following is the text of an email message from W. Mark Lortz of TheraSense, Inc. sent to all employees of TheraSense, Inc. on January 19, 2004:

A meeting of all employees will be held Tuesday, January 20, 9:30-10:30 a.m. PST, in the Board Room/Cafeteria where Rick Gonzales, President and COO, Medical Products Group and Ed Fiorentino, President, MediSense Products will speak on the impending merger, address many of your concerns, and have a Q&A session.

For those in the field, a listen-only conference bridge has been set up. The dial-in information is:

Domestic Dial-In: 877-544-4365  
International Dial-In: 706-679-6073  
Conference ID: 5090863  
Intercall Help Line: 800-374-2441

Please be prompt in calling in and getting to your seat, and we look forward to all of you joining us.

Mark

*In connection with the proposed merger, TheraSense will file a proxy statement and other relevant documents with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THE PROXY STATEMENT WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE AS IT WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE MERGER AND RELATED MATTERS. INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS WILL HAVE ACCESS TO FREE COPIES OF THE PROXY STATEMENT (WHEN AVAILABLE) AND OTHER DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC BY THERASENSE AND ABBOTT THROUGH THE SEC WEB SITE AT WWW.SEC.GOV. THE PROXY STATEMENT AND RELATED MATERIALS MAY ALSO BE OBTAINED FOR FREE (WHEN AVAILABLE) FROM THERASENSE BY DIRECTING A REQUEST TO: INVESTOR RELATIONS, THERASENSE, INC., 1360 SOUTH LOOP ROAD, ALAMEDA, CA 94502; PHONE (510) 749-5400. DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC BY ABBOTT MAY ALSO BE OBTAINED FOR FREE (WHEN AVAILABLE) FROM ABBOTT BY DIRECTING A REQUEST TO: INVESTOR RELATIONS, ABBOTT LABORATORIES, 100 ABBOTT PARK, ROAD, ABBOTT PARK, IL 60064; PHONE (847) 937-7300.*

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