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# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

#### FORM 4

#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue.
See Instruction 1(b).

| Name and Address of Reporting<br>Person*                   | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol                             | 3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary) |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Clemens, Peter A.                                          | Halsey Drug Co., Inc. Symbol: HDGC                                      |                                                                               |
| (Last) (First) (Middle)                                    |                                                                         | <del></del>                                                                   |
| C/o Halsey Drug Co., Inc.<br>695 N. Perryville Rd. Bldg. 2 | 4. Statement for Month/Day/Year  10/02                                  | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)                            |
| (Street)                                                   | <del></del>                                                             |                                                                               |
|                                                            | 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check All Applicable) | 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)                   |
| Rockford, Illinois 61107                                   | ☑ Director O 10% Owner                                                  | O Form Filed by One Reporting Person                                          |
| (City) (State) (Zip)                                       | ☐ Officer (give title below)                                            | O Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person                                |
|                                                            | O Other (specify below)                                                 |                                                                               |
|                                                            | Vice President & Chief Financial Officer                                |                                                                               |
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see instruction 4(b)(v).

|                                    |    |                                   |     |                                                      |    |                                   |                                                                   |        |                                                                                                                  |       | Beneficially Owned                                                |    |                                                               |   |  |
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| Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. | Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. | Deemed Execution<br>Date, if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. | Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |        | 5. Amount of Sec-<br>urities Beneficially<br>Owned Following<br>Reported Trans-<br>action(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6.    | Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. | Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownershi<br>(Instr. 4) |   |  |
|                                    |    |                                   |     |                                                      |    | Code V                            |                                                                   | Amount | (A)<br>or<br>(D)                                                                                                 | Price |                                                                   |    |                                                               |   |  |
|                                    |    |                                   |     |                                                      |    |                                   |                                                                   |        |                                                                                                                  |       |                                                                   |    |                                                               |   |  |
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## Table II — Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| Title of Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise<br>Price of Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution<br>Date, if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities<br>Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                               |                                                              |                                      |                                                          | Code V                         | (A) (D)                                                                                      |
| 5% Convertible Senior<br>Secured Debentures   | 1.34(6)                                                      | 3/10/98                              |                                                          | A                              | (1)                                                                                          |
| Warrants                                      | \$1.34(6)                                                    | 3/10/98                              |                                                          | A                              | (1)                                                                                          |
| Warrants                                      | \$2.279                                                      | 3/10/98                              |                                                          | A                              | (1)                                                                                          |
| 5% Convertible Senior<br>Secured Debentures   | \$1.34(6)                                                    | 6/12/98                              |                                                          | A                              | (2)                                                                                          |
| Warrants                                      | \$1.34(6)                                                    | 6/12/98                              |                                                          | A                              | (2)                                                                                          |
| Warrants                                      | \$2.279                                                      | 6/12/98                              |                                                          | A                              | (2)                                                                                          |
| Non-qualified Stock<br>Options                | \$2.375                                                      | 2/19/98                              |                                                          | A                              |                                                                                              |
| 5% Convertible Senior<br>Secured Debentures   | \$1.1312                                                     | 4/1/99                               |                                                          | A                              | (5)                                                                                          |
| Non-qualified Stock<br>Options                | \$1.125                                                      | 4/12/99                              |                                                          | A                              | (4)                                                                                          |
| 5% Convertible Senior<br>Secured Debentures   | \$2.4250                                                     | 7/1/99                               |                                                          | A                              | (5)                                                                                          |
| Non-qualified Stock<br>Options                | \$1.875                                                      | 2/17/00                              |                                                          | A                              | (4)                                                                                          |
| 5% Convertible Senior<br>Secured Debentures   | \$1.722                                                      | 4/1/00                               |                                                          | A                              | (5)                                                                                          |
| Non-qualified Stock<br>Options                | \$1.1125                                                     | 6/29/00                              |                                                          | A                              | (4)                                                                                          |
| 5% Convertible Senior<br>Secured Debentures   | \$1.1125                                                     | 7/1/00                               |                                                          | A                              | (5)                                                                                          |
| 5% Convertible Senior<br>Secured Debentures   | \$ .9071                                                     | 10/1/00                              |                                                          | A                              | (5)                                                                                          |
| 5% Convertible Senior<br>Secured Debentures   | \$ .6258                                                     | 01/01/01                             |                                                          | A                              | (5)                                                                                          |
| 5% Convertible Senior<br>Secured Debentures   | \$1.03                                                       | 04/01/01                             |                                                          | A                              | (5)                                                                                          |
| 5% Convertible Senior<br>Secured Debentures   | \$2.22                                                       | 07/01/01                             |                                                          | A                              | (5)                                                                                          |
| 5% Convertible Senior<br>Secured Debentures   | \$2.22                                                       | 10/01/01                             |                                                          | A                              | (5)                                                                                          |
| 5% Convertible Senior<br>Secured Debentures   | \$1.86                                                       | 01/01/02                             |                                                          | A                              | (5)                                                                                          |
| 5% Convertible Senior<br>Secured Debentures   | \$2.02                                                       | 04/01/02                             |                                                          | A                              | (5)                                                                                          |
| 5% Convertible Senior<br>Secured Debentures   | \$1.72                                                       | 07/01/02                             |                                                          | A                              | (5)                                                                                          |
| 5% Convertible Senior<br>Secured Debentures   | \$1.75                                                       | 10/01/02                             |                                                          | A                              | (5)                                                                                          |

### Table II — Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned — Continued (e.g., puts. calls. warrants, ontions, convertible securities)

| (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |                                                                                                                      |                 |                                                  |                                                                                                             |  |                                                                                  |                                                        |  |
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| Expiration Dat                                                 | Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |                 | 8. Price of Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities<br>Beneficially Owned Following<br>Reported Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) |  | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |  |
| Date<br>Exercisable                                            | Expiration<br>Date                                                                                                   | Title           | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares                 |                                                                                                             |  |                                                                                  |                                                        |  |
| 3/10/98                                                        | 3/15/03                                                                                                              | Common<br>Stock | 74,626(6)                                        |                                                                                                             |  |                                                                                  | D                                                      |  |
| 3/10/98                                                        | 3/15/05                                                                                                              | Common<br>Stock | 11,028(6)                                        |                                                                                                             |  |                                                                                  | D                                                      |  |
| 3/10/98                                                        | 3/15/05                                                                                                              | Common<br>Stock | 10,526                                           |                                                                                                             |  |                                                                                  | D                                                      |  |
| 6/12/98                                                        | 3/15/03                                                                                                              | Common<br>Stock | 17,938(6)                                        |                                                                                                             |  |                                                                                  | D                                                      |  |
| 6/12/98                                                        | 3/15/05                                                                                                              | Common<br>Stock | 2,718(6)                                         |                                                                                                             |  |                                                                                  | D                                                      |  |
| 6/12/98                                                        | 3/15/05                                                                                                              | Common<br>Stock | 2,530                                            |                                                                                                             |  |                                                                                  | D                                                      |  |
| (3)                                                            | 2/19/08                                                                                                              | Common<br>Stock | 300,000                                          |                                                                                                             |  |                                                                                  | D                                                      |  |
| 4/1/99                                                         | 3/15/03                                                                                                              | Common<br>Stock | 1,370                                            |                                                                                                             |  |                                                                                  | D                                                      |  |
| 4/12/00                                                        | 4/12/09                                                                                                              | Common<br>Stock | 100,000                                          |                                                                                                             |  |                                                                                  | D                                                      |  |
| 7/1/99                                                         | 3/15/03                                                                                                              | Common<br>Stock | 647                                              |                                                                                                             |  |                                                                                  | D                                                      |  |
| 2/17/01                                                        | 2/17/10                                                                                                              | Common<br>Stock | 125,000                                          |                                                                                                             |  |                                                                                  | D                                                      |  |
| 4/1/00                                                         | 3/15/03                                                                                                              | Common<br>Stock | 923                                              |                                                                                                             |  |                                                                                  | D                                                      |  |
| 6/29/01                                                        | 6/29/10                                                                                                              | Common<br>Stock | 100,000                                          |                                                                                                             |  |                                                                                  | D                                                      |  |
| 7/01/00                                                        | 3/15/03                                                                                                              | Common<br>Stock | 1,446                                            |                                                                                                             |  |                                                                                  | D                                                      |  |
| 10/01/00                                                       | 3/15/03                                                                                                              | Common<br>Stock | 1,709                                            |                                                                                                             |  |                                                                                  | D                                                      |  |
| 01/01/01                                                       | 3/15/03                                                                                                              | Common<br>Stock | 2,477                                            |                                                                                                             |  |                                                                                  | D                                                      |  |
| 04/01/01                                                       | 3/15/03                                                                                                              | Common<br>Stock | 1,505                                            |                                                                                                             |  |                                                                                  |                                                        |  |
| 07/01/01                                                       | 3/15/03                                                                                                              | Common<br>Stock | 698                                              |                                                                                                             |  |                                                                                  | D                                                      |  |
| 10/01/01                                                       | 3/15/03                                                                                                              | Common<br>Stock | 698                                              |                                                                                                             |  |                                                                                  | D                                                      |  |
| 01/01/02                                                       | 3/15/03                                                                                                              | Common<br>Stock | 833                                              |                                                                                                             |  |                                                                                  | D                                                      |  |
| 04/01/02                                                       | 3/15/03                                                                                                              | Common<br>Stock | 767                                              |                                                                                                             |  |                                                                                  | D                                                      |  |
| 07/01/02                                                       | 3/15/03                                                                                                              | Common<br>Stock | 901                                              |                                                                                                             |  |                                                                                  | D                                                      |  |
| 10/01/02                                                       | 3/15/02                                                                                                              | Common<br>Stock | 883                                              |                                                                                                             |  | 759,223                                                                          | D                                                      |  |

- (1) Purchased in connection with a private offering on March 10, 1998 consisting of a Convertible Debenture convertible at any time and Stock Purchase Warrants (11,028 shares of which are presently exercisable at \$1.34 per share and 10,526 shares of which are presently exercisable at \$2.279 per share).
- (2) Acquired pursuant to an option exercise in June 1998, consisting of: (i) a Convertible Debenture, convertible at any time, (ii) Warrants to purchase shares of common stock (2,718 shares of which are presently exercisable at \$1.34 per share and 2,530 shares of which are presently exercisable at \$2.279 per share.
- (3) Options vest quarterly, with 25,000 options vesting every quarter effective May 1, 1998.
- (4) Options vest 25% annually.
- (5) Certain quarterly interest payments are paid in the form of convertible debentures.
- (6) Adjusted to reflect results of an anti-dilution calculation contained in the instrument.

| /s/ Peter A. Clemens            | October 2, 2002 |
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| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date            |

<sup>\*\*</sup> Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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