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Form SC 13D/A  
September 01, 2006

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D/A

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No.3)\*

TRIPATH IMAGING, INC.

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(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock (par value \$0.01 per share)

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(Title of Class of Securities)

896942109

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(CUSIP Number)

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September 1, 2006

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(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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CUSIP No. 896942109  
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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON Becton, Dickinson and Company  
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON 22-0760120  
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2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) /\_\_\_/  
(b) /\_\_\_/  
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3 SEC USE ONLY  
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4 SOURCE OF FUNDS  
WC  
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5 CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO  
ITEM 2(d) or 2(e) /\_\_\_/  
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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
New Jersey  
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7 SOLE VOTING POWER  
2,500,000  
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NUMBER  
OF SHARES  
BENEFICIALLY  
OWNED  
BY EACH  
REPORTING  
PERSON  
WITH

8 SHARED VOTING POWER  
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0

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  
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2,500,000  
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10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  
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0  
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11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
2,500,000  
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12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES  
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13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)  
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6.5%

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14        TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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ITEM 1. SECURITY AND ISSUER.

This Amendment No. 3 amends the statement on Schedule 13D filed on August 14, 2006 by Becton, Dickinson and Company ("BD") relating to the common stock, \$0.01 par value per share, of TriPath Imaging Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Issuer") as amended by Amendment No. 1 filed by BD on August 16, 2006 and as further amended by Amendment No. 2 filed by BD on August 25, 2006. The principal executive offices of the Issuer are located at 780 Plantation Drive, Burlington, North Carolina 27215.

ITEM 6. CONTRACTS, ARRANGEMENTS OR UNDERSTANDINGS WITH RESPECT TO SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER.

Item 6 is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

On August 16, 2006, BD and the Issuer executed an exclusivity agreement (the "Exclusivity Agreement") pursuant to which BD and the Issuer agreed to work in good faith with each other to negotiate a business combination transaction involving BD and the Issuer on an exclusive basis through 11:59 p.m. (New York City time) on August 25, 2006, or such later date as BD and the Issuer may agree in writing (the "Termination Date").

In light of the ongoing negotiations regarding a possible business combination transaction involving BD and the Issuer, on August 25, 2006, BD and the Issuer executed an amendment to the Exclusivity Agreement pursuant to which the Termination Date was revised and extended to 11:59 p.m. (New York City time) on September 1, 2006.

On September 1, 2006, BD and the Issuer executed a further amendment to the Exclusivity Agreement pursuant to which the Termination Date has been further revised and extended to 11:59 p.m. (New York City time) on September 8, 2006. In all other respects the Exclusivity Agreement remains in full force and effect. This description of the second amendment to the Exclusivity Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the amendment to the Exclusivity Agreement, which is filed herewith as Exhibit 7.01 and is incorporated by reference into this Item 6.

ITEM 7. MATERIAL TO BE FILED AS EXHIBITS.

Exhibit 7.01 Amendment to the Exclusivity Agreement

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SIGNATURE

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

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Dated: September 1, 2006

BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY

By: /s/ Dean J. Paranicas

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Title: Vice President, Corporate  
Secretary and Public Policy