

MEDICINES CO /DE

Form 4

October 27, 2004

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
RICHARDS JOHN D

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**THE MEDICINES CO, 8 CAMPUS
DR**

(Street)

PARSIPPANY, NJ 07054

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
MEDICINES CO /DE [MDCO]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
10/25/2004

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)

Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	10/25/2004		M	1,500 A	\$ 10.11 7,100	D	
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	10/25/2004		S	1,500 D	\$ 24.6 7,100	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Option (Right to buy)	\$ 10.11	10/25/2004		M	1,500	10/25/2004 ⁽²⁾ 12/11/2011	Common Stock 1,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RICHARDS JOHN D THE MEDICINES CO 8 CAMPUS DR PARSIPPANY, NJ 07054			Vice President	

Signatures

/s/ John D. Richards
10/27/2004

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The common stock sales reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 program adopted by Mr. Richards on March 23, 2004.
- (2) As of 10/25/2004, the original grant (15,000 shares granted on 12/11/2001) was vested with respect to 10,625 of the shares covered thereby. After the exercise of the options reported hereby, as of 10/25/2004, 3,991 of the shares covered by the option were vested but not exercised and the remaining 4,375 of the shares covered by the option vest in equal monthly installments ending on 12/11/2005.

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