

MEDICINES CO /DE
Form 4
December 23, 2004

FORM 4

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
RICHARDS JOHN D

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**THE MEDICINES COMPANY, 8
CAMPUS DRIVE**

(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)
12/23/2004

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) below)

Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
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	12/23/2004		M	524	A \$ 10.11	7,100	D
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	12/23/2004		S	524	D \$ 28.68	7,100	D

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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 Acquired (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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Option (right to buy)	\$ 10.11	12/23/2004		M	524	12/23/2004 ⁽²⁾ 12/11/2011	Common Stock	524

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

John D. Richards 12/23/2004

__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.
- As of 12/23/2004, the original grant (15,000 shares granted on 12/11/2001) was vested with respect to 11,250 of the shares covered
- (2) thereby. After the exercise of the options reported hereby, as of 12/23/2004, 2,592 of the shares covered by the option were vested but not exercised and the remaining 3,750 of the shares covered by the option vest in equal monthly installments ending on 12/11/2005.

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