

MEDICINES CO /DE  
Form 8-K  
May 21, 2010

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K  
CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): May 21, 2010  
The Medicines Company**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**Delaware**

**000-31191**

**04-3324394**

(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**8 Sylvan Way  
Parsippany, New Jersey**

**07054**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(973) 290-6000**

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01. Other Events**

On May 21, 2010, The Medicines Company (the Company ) announced that the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia issued an order in the Company's lawsuit against the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ( PTO ), the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, et al. The full text of the press release issued in connection with the announcement is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

In compliance with the Court's order, the PTO today issued an interim extension extending the term of the Company's principal U.S. patent covering Angiomax from May 23, 2010 through and including the day ten days after the Court issues an order deciding the case.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press release dated May 21, 2010 entitled The Medicines Company Provides PTO Litigation Update

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

THE MEDICINES COMPANY

Date: May 21, 2010

By: /s/ Paul M. Antinori  
Paul M. Antinori  
Senior Vice President and General  
Counsel

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**Exhibit Index**

Exhibit No.	Description
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