

Darling Joseph G
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Darling Joseph G

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 32 WIGGINS AVENUE
 (Street)

BEDFORD, MA 01730

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Anika Therapeutics, Inc. [ANIK]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 02/26/2019

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 President and CEO; Director

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0	02/26/2019			A		63,000		(1)	(1)	Common Stock	63,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 61.47 (2)	02/27/2019(3)			A		7,609		(4)	01/24/2028	Common Stock	7,609

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Darling Joseph G 32 WIGGINS AVENUE BEDFORD, MA 01730	X		President and CEO; Director	

Signatures

/s/ Joseph G.
Darling

02/28/2019

__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) Each RSU represents the contingent right to receive one share of the Company's common stock. The RSUs vest in three equal annual installments beginning February 26, 2020, provided that the first installment of shares hereunder shall be delivered upon the first to occur of Mr. Darling's (a) death, (b) disability, (c) separation from service (as defined by the Anika Therapeutics, Inc. 2017 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the "Plan")), or (d) a Change in Control (as defined by the Plan).

(2) The exercise price of the stock options represents the closing price of the Company's common stock on the grant date, January 24, 2018, the date the Compensation Committee of the Company granted these performance-based stock option awards (the "Performance Grant"). Please also see notes 3 and 4.

(3) On February 27, 2019, the Compensation Committee determined and certified that 53.2% of the initial Performance Grant had been earned, subject to time-based vesting. Please also see notes 2 and 4.

(4) The stock options vest in four equal installments on the following dates: February 27, 2019, January 1, 2020, January 1, 2021, and January 1, 2022.

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