

PETERSON RICHARD D
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
 PETERSON RICHARD D

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 MEDICIS PHARMACEUTICAL CORP [MRX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 7720 N. DOBSON RD.
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/06/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 ____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
 EVP, CFO & Corp Treasurer

SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85256

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/06/2012 | | G | V 2,300 D \$ 0 | 205,889 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/11/2012 | | D | 205,889 (1) (2) D \$ 44 0 | | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/11/2012 | | D | 102 (3) D \$ 44 0 | | I | By 401(k) Plan |

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 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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 38.45 | 12/11/2012 | | D | 36,000 | (4) 07/16/2014 | Common Stock | 36,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| PETERSON RICHARD D 7720 N. DOBSON RD. SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85256 | | | EVP, CFO & Corp Treasurer | |

Signatures

Richard D. Peterson
12/13/2012
Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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) Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned in Column 5 reflects a transfer to the reporting officer's former spouse of 9,000 shares on August 23, 2012, pursuant to a divorce settlement decree.
On December 11, 2012, the Issuer completed its merger (the "Merger") with Valeant Pharmaceuticals International ("Valeant"), whereby the Issuer became a wholly owned subsidiary of Valeant, pursuant to an Agreement and Plan of Merger that was entered into on September 2, 2012 (the "Merger Agreement"). In accordance with the Merger Agreement, each share of common stock of the Issuer issued and outstanding immediately prior to the consummation of the Merger converted into a right to receive an amount in cash equal to \$44.00 per share (the "Per Share Merger Consideration"), without interest. The amount of shares in Column 4 includes 188,890 restricted shares of common stock that also converted into a right to receive the Per Share Merger Consideration.
- (3) Common stock of the Issuer held within the reporting person's 401(k) plan immediately prior to the consummation of the Merger converted into a right to receive the Per Share Merger Consideration.
- (4) In accordance with the terms of the Merger Agreement, each option to acquire shares of the Issuer (whether vested or unvested) that was outstanding immediately prior to the consummation of the Merger was cancelled in exchange for the right to receive an amount in cash

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equal to the product of the number of shares of Issuer common stock subject to the option and the excess, if any, of the Per Share Merger Consideration over the exercise price per share of each respective award, less any required withholding taxes. This award had fully vested prior to the consummation of the Merger.

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