

Esperion Therapeutics, Inc.  
Form SC 13G  
December 18, 2013

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

**SCHEDULE 13G**

**(Rule 13d-102)**

**INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT TO RULES 13d-1 (b), (c) AND (d) AND  
AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO 13d-2 (b)  
(Amendment No. )\***

**Esperion Therapeutics, Inc.**

(Name of Issuer)

**Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share**

(Title of Class of Securities)

**29664W-10-5**

(CUSIP Number)

**November 26, 2013**

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

- Rule 13d-1(b)
- Rule 13d-1(c)
- Rule 13d-1(d)

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The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be filed for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ( Act ) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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**Item 1**

(a) Name of Issuer: Esperion Therapeutics, Inc.  
Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices: 46701 Commerce Center Drive  
Plymouth, MI 48170

**Item 2**

(a) Name of Person(s) Filing:

- Arboretum Ventures II, L.P. ( II LP )
- Arboretum Ventures IIa, L.P. ( IIA LP )
- Arboretum Investment Manager II, LLC ( II LLC )
- Arboretum Investment Manager IIa, LLC ( IIA LLC )
- Arboretum Ventures, Inc. ( INC )
- Jan L. Garfinkle ( Garfinkle )
- Timothy B. Petersen ( Petersen )

(b) Address of Principal Business Office: c/o Arboretum Ventures  
Market Place Building  
303 Detroit Street, Suite 301  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

(b) Citizenship:

Entities:	II LP	-	Delaware, United States of America
	IIA LP	-	Delaware, United States of America
	II LLC	-	Delaware, United States of America
	IIA LLC	-	Delaware, United States of America
	INC	-	Michigan, United States of America

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Individuals:	Garfinkle	-	United States of America
	Petersen	-	United States of America

(d) Title of Class of Securities: Common Stock

(e) CUSIP Number: 29664W-10-5

**Item 3** Not applicable.

**Item 4 Ownership.**

The following information with respect to the ownership of the Common Stock by the Reporting Persons filing this statement on Schedule 13G is provided as of December 17, 2012:

Reporting Persons	Shares Held Directly	Sole Voting Power	Shared Voting Power	Sole Dispositive Power	Shared Dispositive Power	Beneficial Ownership	Percentage of Class (2)
II LP	640,710	0	795,117	0	795,117	795,117	5.2%
IIA LP	150,113	0	795,117	0	795,117	795,117	5.2%
II LLC	0	0	795,117	0	795,117	795,117	5.2%
IIA LLC	0	0	795,117	0	795,117	795,117	5.2%
INC	4,294	0	795,117	0	795,117	795,117	5.2%
Garfinkle	0	0	795,117	0	795,117	795,117	5.2%
Petersen	0	0	795,117	0	795,117	795,117	5.2%

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**Item 5 Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.**

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof, the Reporting Persons have ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following:

**Item 6 Ownership of More Than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.**

See Items 2(a) and 4.

**Item 7 Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company.**

Not applicable.

**Item 8 Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.**

Not applicable.

**Item 9 Notice of Dissolution of Group.**

Not applicable.

**Item 10 Certification.**

Not applicable.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: December 18, 2013

**ARBORETUM VENTURES II, L.P.**

By: Arboretum Investment Manager II, LLC  
Its: General Partner

By: /s/ Jan L. Garfinkle  
Jan L. Garfinkle, Managing Director

**ARBORETUM VENTURES IIA, L.P.**

By: Arboretum Investment Manager IIA, LLC  
Its: General Partner

By: Arboretum Investment Manager II, LLC  
Its: Manager

By: /s/ Jan L. Garfinkle  
Jan L. Garfinkle, Managing Director

**ARBORETUM INVESTMENT MANAGER II, LLC**

By: /s/ Jan L. Garfinkle  
Jan L. Garfinkle, Managing Director

**ARBORETUM INVESTMENT MANAGER IIA, LLC**

By: Arboretum Investment Manager II, LLC  
Its: Manager

By: /s/ Jan L. Garfinkle  
Jan L. Garfinkle, Managing Director

**ARBORETUM VENTURES, INC.**

By: /s/ Jan L. Garfinkle  
Jan L. Garfinkle, President

/s/ Jan L. Garfinkle  
**JAN L. GARFINKLE**

/s/ Timothy B. Petersen  
**TIMOTHY B. PETERSEN**



**Exhibit(s):**

A - Joint Filing Statement

EXHIBIT A

JOINT FILING STATEMENT

We, the undersigned, hereby express our agreement that the attached Schedule 13G (or any amendments thereto) relating to the Common Stock of Esperion Therapeutics, Inc. is filed on behalf of each of us.

Dated: December 18, 2013

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By: Arboretum Investment Manager II, LLC  
Its: General Partner

By: /s/ Jan L. Garfinkle  
Jan L. Garfinkle, Managing Director

**ARBORETUM VENTURES IIA, L.P.**

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Its: General Partner  
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