

PETERSON RICHARD D
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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 *
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)
03/05/2011

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

SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85256

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
			Code	V	Amount		
Common Stock	03/05/2011		F		744 ⁽¹⁾	D	
					\$ 31.24		200,417
Common Stock	03/07/2011		F		426 ⁽²⁾	D	
					\$ 30.76		199,991

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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Benef Own Follo Repor Trans (Instr
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V (A) (D)		

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 03/08/2011

__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) Upon the vesting of 2,551 shares on March 5, 2011 under a restricted stock grant dated March 5, 2008, the reporting person had 744 shares withheld by the Company for personal tax liability withholding.
- (2) Upon the vesting of 1,459 shares on March 7, 2011 under a restricted stock grant dated March 7, 2007, the reporting person had 426 shares withheld by the Company for personal tax liability withholding.

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