

PETERSON RICHARD D
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**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)
05/13/2010

____ Director
____ Officer (give title below) _____ 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 169,701 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/13/2010 | | M | 22,010 A \$ 18.33 | 192,711 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/13/2010 | | S | 22,010 ⁽²⁾ D \$ 25.2645 | 170,701 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/17/2010 | | S | 1,000 D \$ 24.5185 | 169,701 | D | |

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 | \$ 18.33 | 05/13/2010 | | M | 22,010 | 07/11/2003 07/11/2012 | Common Stock | 22,010 |

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 05/17/2010

__Signature of Date
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 4,337 shares on May 3, 2010, pursuant to a divorce settlement decree.
- (2) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$25.215 to \$25.325, inclusive.

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