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

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)  
of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): April 15, 2020**

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**MEDICINOVA, INC.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**DELAWARE**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-33185**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**33-0927979**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**4275 EXECUTIVE SQUARE,  
SUITE 300, LA JOLLA, CA**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**92037**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (858) 373-1500**

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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Common Stock, \$0.001 par value      MNOV      The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC

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(Title of each class)

(Trading symbol(s))

(Name of each exchange on which registered)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On April 15, 2020, Yoshio Ishizaka notified the Chairman of the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of MediciNova, Inc. (the “Company”) that he resigned as a member of the Board and all committees thereof effective immediately. The Board intends to appoint a new Chairman of the Audit Committee within the next few days. With best wishes, the Company thanks Mr. Ishizaka for his dedicated service and valuable contribution as a member of the Board since 2014.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**MEDICINOVA, INC.**

Date: April 15, 2020

By: /s/ Carla Reyes

Carla Reyes  
Chief Financial Officer