## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Addre	1 0		2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>MEDICINOVA INC</u> [ 4875 OSE ]	(Check a	ionship of Reporting Pe all applicable) Director	10% Owner	
(Last)(First)(Middle)4350 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DR., #950		( )	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/12/2005	X	Officer (give title below) Chief Developm	Other (specify below) ent Officer	
(Street) SAN DIEGO	СА	92122	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individ Line) X	X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting		
(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table I - Non-D	erivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Bene	ficially O	Person wned		

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	Date (Month/Day/Year)	if any (Month/Day/Year)			4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	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	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(11511.4)	

## Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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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. Transa Code ( 8)		5. Number Derivativ Securitie Acquired or Dispos of (D) (In 3, 4 and 5	e s I (A) sed str.	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$1.38	12/12/2005		A		200,000		12/12/2005	12/11/2015	Common Stock	200,000	\$0	200,000	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$2.34	12/12/2005		A		300,000		(1)	12/11/2015	Common Stock	300,000	\$0	300,000	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$3.31	12/12/2005		A		500,000		(1)	12/11/2015	Common Stock	500,000	\$0	500,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. The option vests over a four (4) year period commencing November 7, 2005, in equal monthly installments.

**Remarks:** 

/s/ Richard E. Gammans

12/29/2005

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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