

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 10, 2005

MEDICINOVA, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

000-51133
(Commission File Number)

33-0927979
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

**4350 La Jolla Village Drive, Suite 950
San Diego, CA 92122**
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

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

Not Applicable
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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:

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01 Other Events.

On March 10, 2005, MediciNova, Inc. announced in a press release that it will announce its financial results for the 2004 fiscal year on March 22, 2005 and will hold a conference in Tokyo on March 23, 2005 for the investment community and media. The webcast of such conference will be available for replay on the Company' website.

Attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and incorporated herein by reference in its entirety is the press release issued by MediciNova on March 10, 2005.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release issued March 10, 2005.

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.

Dated: March 10, 2005.

MEDICINOVA, INC.

By: /s/ Takashi Kiyozumi

Takashi Kiyozumi, M.D., Ph.D.
President and Chief Executive Officer

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**MediciNova sets Date and Conference for Full Year 2004 Earnings
Announcement**

SAN DIEGO, Calif. - March 10, 2005 — MediciNova, Inc. (Code Number: 4875, Hercules OSE) will announce its financial results for the fiscal year of 2004 on Tuesday, March 22, 2005. MediciNova will also hold a conference in Tokyo on Wednesday, March 23, 2005 for the investment community and media. The conference will be held at Tokyo Shoken Kaikan 9F (1-5-8 Nihonbashi-Kayabacho, Chuo, Tokyo, JAPAN, TEL:+81-3-3667-9210) from 10:00 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. JST. Investors and media who would like to participate in this conference need to register at the Osaka Securities Exchange by calling +81-3-3665-4151, or e-mail: hercules-ic@ose.or.jp. The webcast of the conference will be available online for replay up until June 23, 2005.

About MediciNova

MediciNova, Inc. is a publicly traded specialty pharmaceutical company focused on accelerating the global development and commercialization of innovative pharmaceutical products. MediciNova's pipeline, which includes several compounds in clinical testing, targets a variety of prevalent medical conditions, including premature labor, cancer, asthma, multiple sclerosis and anxiety disorders. For more information on MediciNova Inc., please visit www.medicinova.com.

This press release may contain “forward looking statements” as defined by the Securities and Exchange Commission. All statements, other than statements of historical facts, included in this press release that address activities, events or developments that the Company expects, believes or anticipates will or may occur in the future are forward-looking statements. These statements are based on certain assumptions made by the Company based on management’s experience and perception of historical trends, current conditions, expected future developments and other factors it believes are appropriate in the circumstances. Such statements are subject to a number of assumptions, risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond the control of the Company, which may cause the Company’s actual results to differ materially from those implied or expressed by the forward-looking statements. These risks include the risk factors detailed in MediciNova’s Securities and Exchange Commission filings.