

Matsuda Kazuko  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Matsuda Kazuko		(Month/Day/Year)	MEDICINOVA INC [MNOV]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	09/01/2011	
C/O MEDICINOVA, INC., Â 4350 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DRIVE, STE. 950			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
			(give title below) (specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
			Chief Medical Officer	
SAN DIEGO, Â CA Â 92122				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	13,805	D	Â

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Common Stock Warrant (Right to Buy)	03/29/2011	03/29/2016	Common Stock	9,200	\$ 3.56	D	Â
Options to Purchase Common Stock (Right to Buy)	Â (1)	07/08/2016	Common Stock	8,000	\$ 11.48	D	Â
Options to Purchase Common Stock (Right to Buy)	Â (2)	07/06/2019	Common Stock	37,000	\$ 4.8	D	Â
Options to Purchase Common Stock (Right to Buy)	Â (3)	01/28/2020	Common Stock	11,900	\$ 7.34	D	Â
Options to Purchase Common Stock (Right to Buy)	Â (4)	06/13/2020	Common Stock	20,000	\$ 5.13	D	Â
Options to Purchase Common Stock (Right to Buy)	Â (5)	07/12/2021	Common Stock	75,000	\$ 2.54	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Matsuda Kazuko C/O MEDICINOVA, INC. 4350 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DRIVE, STE. 950 SAN DIEGO, CA 92122	Â	Â	Â Chief Medical Officer	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Kazuko Matsuda  
09/27/2011

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person  
Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) The shares subject to the stock option vest and become exercisable over a three (3) year period commencing July 9, 2006, in equal monthly installments.
  - (2) The shares subject to the stock option vest and become exercisable over a four (4) year period commencing July 7, 2009, in equal monthly installments.
  - (3) The shares subject to the stock option vest and become exercisable over a four (4) year period commencing January 29, 2010, in equal monthly installments.

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- (4) The shares subject to the stock option vest and become exercisable over a four (4) year period commencing June 14, 2010, in equal monthly installments.
- (5) The shares subject to the stock option vest and become exercisable over a four (4) year period commencing July 13, 2011, in equal monthly installments.

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