

MEDICINOVA INC
Form 8-K
November 15, 2006

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): November 8, 2006

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)

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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 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.
Chief Financial Officer**

On November 8, 2006, the Board of Directors of MediciNova, Inc. (the **Registrant**) appointed Shintaro Asako as Chief Financial Officer of the Registrant.

Before becoming Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Asako served as the Registrant's Vice President, Accounting and Administration from November 2005 to November 2006. Mr. Asako served as the Registrant's Vice President, Accounting and Financial Reporting from July 2005 to October 2005. From October 2004 to July 2005, Mr. Asako was an audit senior manager at KPMG LLP, where he provided a variety of audit and business consulting services to multinational clients and industries including pharmaceutical, manufacturing, distribution and freight-forwarding and transportation. Mr. Asako was also responsible for the development and expansion of KPMG's Japanese practice in the Orange County and San Diego areas. Prior to becoming audit senior manager, Mr. Asako held the positions of supervisory senior auditor from June 2002 to March 2003 and audit manager from April 2003 to September 2004. Before joining KPMG, Mr. Asako spent four years with Arthur Andersen LLP providing audit and tax advisory services. Mr. Asako is a graduate of the Leventhal School of Accounting at the University of Southern California. Mr. Asako is a certified public accountant of the state of California and a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and incorporated herein by reference in its entirety is the press release issued by the Registrant on November 9, 2006.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.
(d) Exhibits.**

| Exhibit | Description |
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| 99.1 | Press Release issued November 9, 2006. |

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: November 14, 2006.

MEDICINOVA, INC.

By: /s/ Shintaro Asako
Shintaro Asako
Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| 99.1 | Press Release issued November 9, 2006. |

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