

MEDICINOVA INC  
Form 8-K  
September 14, 2007

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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): September 12, 2007

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**MEDICINOVA, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

**001-33185**  
(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 Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

(e) On September 12, 2007, MediciNova, Inc. (the Company ) entered into a severance protection agreement with each of Yuichi Iwaki, M.D., Ph.D., Shintaro Asako, Richard E. Gammans, Ph.D., Kenneth W. Locke, Ph.D. and Masatsune Okajima (each, a Severance Protection Agreement ). Each Severance Protection Agreement provides that if the officer is involuntarily terminated without cause or resigns for good reason within a 12-month period following a change of control of the Company, the officer will be paid all accrued salary and a pro rata bonus for the year of termination and a single lump sum equal to two times the officer s base salary amount and bonus amount. The officer will also receive for the 24 months following termination such life insurance, disability, medical, dental and hospitalization benefits as are provided to other similarly situated executives who continue in the employ of the Company and up to 12 months of outplacement counseling. Vesting will be accelerated as provided in the Company s various equity incentive plans. If an excise tax would be imposed under the Internal Revenue Code on the payments received by an officer under the Severance Protection Agreement, the severance payments will be reduced to the extent necessary to avoid an excise tax. Each Severance Protection Agreement expires on December 31, 2007; however, each agreement will automatically renew for additional one-year periods unless either party provides written notice of non-renewal by October 1 of such year. The foregoing description of each Severance Protection Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the form of Severance Protection Agreement filed as Exhibit 10.1 to this Current Report.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**(d) Exhibits.**

| <b>Exhibit</b> | <b>Description</b>                     |
|----------------|----------------------------------------|
| 10.1           | Form of Severance Protection Agreement |

**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: September 14, 2007

MEDICINOVA, INC.

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

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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