

MEDICINOVA INC  
Form 8-K  
March 31, 2009

**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 31, 2009

**MEDICINOVA, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

**001-33185**  
(Commission File Number)

4350 La Jolla Village Drive, Suite 950

**33-0927979**  
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

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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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On March 31, 2009, MediciNova, Inc. issued a press release announcing its financial results for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2008. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

The information in this Current Report, including Exhibit 99.1 furnished herewith, is being furnished and shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section. The information in this Current Report shall not be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing to this Current Report.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**(d) Exhibits.**

| <b>Number</b> | <b>Description</b>                 |
|---------------|------------------------------------|
| 99.1          | Press release dated March 31, 2009 |

**SIGNATURE**

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.

MEDICINOVA, INC.

Dated: March 31, 2009

By: /s/ Shintaro Asako  
Shintaro Asako  
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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