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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): February 22, 2005 The Medicines Company (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter) Delaware 000-31191 04-3324394

(State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer of Incorporation) File Number) Identification No.) 000-31191 04-3324394 Delaware 8 Campus Drive 07054 Parsippany, New Jersey (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code) Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (973) 656-1616 ______ (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

|_| Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

|_| Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act

- |_| 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.

following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

(17 CFR 230.425)

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On February 23, 2005, The Medicines Company (the "Company") announced its financial results for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2004. The full text of the press release issued in connection with the announcement is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The information in this Form 8-K (including Exhibit 99.1) shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers

On February 22, 2005, the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Company elected John P. Kelley to the Board. Mr. Kelley has been the Company's President and Chief Operating Officer since December 1, 2004.

On February 22, 2005, James E. Thomas, a member of the Board since September 1996, announced his resignation from the Board. Mr. Thomas was a member of the Compensation Committee of the Board.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

The following exhibit relating to Item 2.02 shall be deemed to be furnished, and not filed:

99.1 Press Release dated February 23, 2005 entitled "The Medicines Company Reports Fourth Quarter and Year 2004 Financial Results."

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.

THE MEDICINES COMPANY

Date: February 23, 2005 By: /s/ Steven H. Koehler

Steven H. Koehler

Senior Vice President and Chief

Financial Officer

Exhibit Index

Exhibit No. Description

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