

CRITICAL THERAPEUTICS INC
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Warren Howland Shaw

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 CRITICAL THERAPEUTICS INC
 [CRTX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

C/O CRITICAL THERAPEUTICS, INC., 60 WESTVIEW STREET

04/06/2006

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

LEXINGTON, MA 02421

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	04/06/2007		M		21,356	A	\$ 1.05
					232,600	D	

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Purchase Common Stock (Right to Buy)	\$ 1.05	04/06/2006		M	21,356	<u>(1)</u> 12/19/2013	Common Stock	21,356

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Warren Howland Shaw C/O CRITICAL THERAPEUTICS, INC. 60 WESTVIEW STREET LEXINGTON, MA 02421	X			

Signatures

/s/ Scott B. Townsend, Attorney-in-Fact for Howland S. Warren Pursuant to Power of Attorney 04/10/2006

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Of the option to purchase 85,426 shares of Common Stock of Critical Therapeutics, Inc. originally granted on December 19, 2003, 21,357 of the underlying shares vested on December 19, 2003, 5,340 of the underlying shares vested on December 19, 2004, 12,813 of the underlying shares vested on December 31, 2004, 16,018 of the underlying shares vest in 36 equal monthly installments beginning January 19, 2005, 12,101 of the underlying shares vested on December 31, 2005, and 3,560 of the underlying shares vest on December 31, 2007. 14,237 of the underlying shares vest on December 31, 2006 based on the satisfaction of certain performance objectives as determined by the Company, provided that any of such shares that remain unvested shall vest on December 31, 2007.

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