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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): April 30, 2010 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.)

8 Sylvan Way Parsippany, New Jersey

07054

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (973) 290-6000

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 8.01. Other Events.

On April 30, 2010, Clive Meanwell, chairman and chief executive officer of The Medicines Company (the Company), exercised options to purchase 237,000 shares of the Company s common stock. The options would have expired on May 15, 2010, in which event Dr. Meanwell would have lost the right to acquire the shares underlying the options. Dr. Meanwell sold 181,500 shares to pay for the cashless exercise of the options and federal and state taxes associated with such exercise. Dr. Meanwell is holding the remaining 55,500 shares of common stock resulting from the exercise.

Dr. Meanwell exercised his options upon the opening of a trading window following the end of the Company s first quarter trading blackout, which ended April 29, 2010.

Following these transactions, Dr. Meanwell is the beneficial owner of approximately 1.1 million shares of the Company s common stock, or approximately 2.1% of the outstanding shares of the Company s common stock. Dr. Meanwell s exercise and sales were reported on a Form 4 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 4, 2010.

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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: May 4, 2010 By: /s/ Paul M. Antinori

Paul M. Antinori

Senior Vice President and General

Counsel