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MEDICINES CO /DE Form 8-K February 26, 2018

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 20, 2018

The Medicines Company (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware 000-31191 04-3324394 (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) (Commission (IRS Employer File Number) Identification No.)

8 Sylvan Way 07054

Parsippany, New Jersey

(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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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On February 20, 2018, William W. Crouse notified The Medicines Company (the "Company") of his decision to retire from the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Company effective as of the Company's 2018 annual meeting of shareholders. Mr. Crouse has been a member of the Board since 2003. Mr. Crouse's decision to retire was not due to any disagreement with the Company on any matter relating to the Company's operations, policies or practices.

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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: February 26, 2018 By: /s/ Stephen M. Rodin

Stephen M. Rodin

Executive Vice President and General Counsel