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Form 8-K  
April 25, 2002

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON D.C. 20549

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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 23, 2002

The Medicines Company

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(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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

5 Sylvan Way, Suite 200 Parsippany, New Jersey	07054
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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)	(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (973) 656-1616

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

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS.

On April 23, 2002, The Medicines Company announced its financial results for the first quarter of 2002 and the naming of a new Chief Financial Officer. In a separate announcement on April 23, 2002, The Medicines Company announced that it had filed a Form S-3 Shelf Registration Statement registering 4,000,000 shares of its common stock.

The full text of the press releases issued in connection with the announcements is filed as Exhibit 99.1 and Exhibit 99.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits.

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99.1	Press release dated April 23, 2002

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entitled "The Medicines Company Reports First Quarter 2002 Financial Results, Names New Chief Financial Officer."

99.2

Press release dated April 23, 2002 entitled "The Medicines Company Files Shelf Registration Statement."

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.

Date: April 25, 2002

THE MEDICINES COMPANY

By: /s/ Steven H. Koehler

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Steven H. Koehler

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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