

MEDICINOVA INC
Form SC 13G
February 09, 2012

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

(Rule 13d-102)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT TO
RULES 13d-1(b), (c) AND (d) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED
PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-2

UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

MediciNova, Inc.
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share
(Title of Class of Securities)

58468P206
(CUSIP Number)

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December 31, 2011

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Rule 13d-1(b)

Rule 13d-1(c)

Rule 13d-1(d)

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

Pyxis Long/Short Healthcare Fund (f/k/a Highland Long/Short Healthcare Fund)

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF (a) £ A (b) £ MEMBER OF A GROUP* SEC USE ONLY

3

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

SOLE VOTING POWER

5 843,369**

SHARED VOTING POWER

6 0

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

7 843,369**

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

0
AGGREGATE
AMOUNT
BENEFICIALLY
9 OWNED BY EACH
REPORTING PERSON

843,369**
CHECK
BOX IF
THE
10 AGGREGATE
AMOUNT
IN ROW £
(9)
EXCLUDES
CERTAIN
SHARES*
PERCENT OF CLASS
REPRESENTED BY
11 AMOUNT IN ROW 9

5.2%**
12 TYPE OF REPORTING
PERSON*
IV, 00

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NAME OF
REPORTING
PERSONS

1 Pyxis Capital, L.P.
(f/k/a Highland Funds
Asset Management,
L.P.)

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BOX IF (a) £
2 A (b) £
MEMBER
OF A
GROUP*
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4 CITIZENSHIP OR
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ORGANIZATION

Delaware

NUMBER OF SOLE
SHARES VOTING
BENEFICIALLY 5 POWER
OWNED BY
EACH 0
REPORTING SHARED
PERSON WITH VOTING
6 POWER

843,369**
SOLE
DISPOSITIVE
7 POWER

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

Strand Advisors XVI, Inc.

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Delaware

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

SOLE VOTING POWER 5

0

SHARED VOTING POWER 6

843,369**

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 7

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NAME OF
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PERSONS

1
Cummings Bay Capital
Management, L.P.

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CITIZENSHIP OR
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ORGANIZATION

Delaware

NUMBER OF SOLE
SHARES VOTING
BENEFICIALLY 5 POWER
OWNED BY
EACH 0
REPORTING SHARED
PERSON WITH VOTING
6 POWER

913,030**
SOLE
DISPOSITIVE
7 POWER

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NAME OF
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PERSONS

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Cummings Bay Capital
Management GP, LLC

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NAME OF
REPORTING
PERSONS

1

Highland Capital
Management Services,
Inc.

CHECK
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APPROPRIATE
BOX IF (a) £
A (b) £
MEMBER
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GROUP*
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1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS
2	James D. Dondero CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF (a) <input type="checkbox"/> A MEMBER OF A GROUP* SEC USE ONLY (b) <input type="checkbox"/>
3	
4	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
	United States
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	SHARED VOTING POWER
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	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
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SCHEDULE 13G

This Schedule 13G (this “Schedule 13G”) is being filed on behalf of Pyxis Long/Short Healthcare Fund (f/k/a Highland Long/Short Healthcare Fund), a series of Pyxis Funds I (f/k/a Highlands Funds I), a Delaware statutory trust (the “Long/Short Fund”), Pyxis Capital, L.P. (f/k/a Highland Funds Asset Management, L.P.), a Delaware limited partnership (“Pyxis”), Strand Advisors XVI, Inc., a Delaware corporation (“Strand XVI”), Cummings Bay Capital Management, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (the “Adviser”), Cummings Bay Capital Management GP, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the “GP”), Highland Capital Management Services, Inc., a Delaware corporation (“Highland Services”), and James D. Dondero (collectively, the “Reporting Persons”).

R. Joseph Dougherty is the President of Strand XVI, and James D. Dondero is the President of Highland Services. Strand XVI is the general partner of Pyxis. Pyxis is the investment advisor to the Long/Short Fund. Highland Services is the sole member of the GP. The GP is the general partner of the Adviser. The Adviser serves as the sub-advisor to the Long/Short Fund and the advisor and/or sub-advisor to certain other private investment funds and managed accounts (together with the Long/Short Fund, the “Funds”). This Schedule 13G relates to shares of Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the “Common Stock”), of MediciNova, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “Issuer”), held by the Funds.

Item 1(a) Name of Issuer.

MediciNova, Inc.

Item 1(b) Address of Issuer’s Principal Executive Offices.

4350 La Jolla Village Drive, Suite 950
San Diego, CA 92122

Item 2(a) Name of Person Filing.

- (1) Pyxis Long/Short Healthcare Fund (f/k/a Highland Long/Short Healthcare Fund)
- (2) Pyxis Capital, L.P. (f/k/a Highland Funds Asset Management, L.P.)
- (3) Strand Advisors XVI, Inc.
- (4) Cummings Bay Capital Management, L.P.
- (5) Cummings Bay Capital Management GP, LLC
- (6) Highland Capital Management Services, Inc.
- (7) James D. Dondero

Item 2(b) Address of Principal Business Office, or, if none, Residence.

For all Filers:
13455 Noel Rd., Suite 800
Dallas, Texas 75240

Item
2(c) Citizenship or Place of Organization.

- (1) Pyxis Long/Short Healthcare Fund (f/k/a Highland Long/Short Healthcare Fund), a series of Pyxis Funds I (f/k/a Highlands Funds I), a Delaware statutory trust.
- (2) Pyxis Capital, L.P. (f/k/a Highland Funds Asset Management, L.P.) is a Delaware limited partnership.
- (3) Strand Advisors XVI, Inc. is a Delaware corporation.
- (4) Cummings Bay Capital Management, L.P. is a Delaware limited partnership.
- (5) Cummings Bay Capital Management GP, LLC is a Delaware limited liability company.
- (6) Highland Capital Management Services, Inc. is a Delaware corporation.
- (7) James D. Dondero is a U.S. citizen.

Item
2(d) Title of Class of Securities.

Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share.

Item
2(e) CUSIP Number.

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Item 3 Reporting Person.

If this statement is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b), check whether the person filing is a:

- (a) Broker or dealer registered under section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78o).
- (b) Bank as defined in section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
- (c) Insurance company as defined in section 3(a)(19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
- (d) Investment company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8).
- (e) An investment advisor in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E).
- (f) An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F).
- (g) A parent holding company or control person in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G).
- (h) A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813).
- (i) A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under Section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3).
- (j) Group, in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).

Item 4

Ownership.

The Long/Short Fund may be deemed the beneficial owner of 843,369 shares of Common Stock that it holds directly. Pyxis and Strand XVI may be deemed the beneficial owners of the 843,369 shares of Common Stock held (a) by the Long/Short Fund. These amount consists of (i) 721,553 shares of Common Stock and (ii) 121,816 shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise of presently exercisable warrants.

The Adviser, the GP, Highland Services and Mr. Dondero may be deemed the beneficial owners of the 913,030 shares of Common Stock held by the Funds. This amount consists of (i) 774,942 shares of Common Stock and (ii) 138,088 shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise of presently exercisable warrants.

The Long/Short Fund, Pyxis and Strand XVI may be deemed the beneficial owners of 5.2% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock. This percentage was determined by dividing 843,369, the number of shares of Common (b) Stock held directly by the Long/Short Fund, by the sum of (i) 16,088,015, which is the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding as of November 9, 2011, according to the Issuer's Form 10-Q filed on November 14, 2011 with the Securities and Exchange Commission, plus (ii) the 121,816 shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise of presently exercisable warrants held by the Long/Short Fund.

The Adviser, the GP, Highland Services and Mr. Dondero may be deemed the beneficial owners of 5.6% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock. This percentage was determined by dividing 913,030, the number of shares of Common Stock held directly by the Funds, by the sum of (i) 16,088,015, which is the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding as of November 9, 2011, according to the Issuer's Form 10-Q filed on November 14, 2011 with the Securities and Exchange Commission, plus (ii) the 138,088 shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise of presently exercisable warrants held by the Funds.

The Long/Short Fund has the sole power to vote and dispose of the 843,369 shares of Common Stock that it holds directly. Pyxis and Strand XVI have the shared power to vote and dispose of the 843,369 shares of Common Stock (c) held by the Long/Short Fund. The Adviser, the GP, Highland Services and Mr. Dondero have the shared power to vote and dispose of the 913,030 shares of Common Stock held by the Funds.

Item 5 Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

Inapplicable.

Item 6 Ownership of More Than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

Inapplicable.

Item 7 Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary which Acquired the Security Being Reported On by the Parent Holding Company.

Inapplicable.

Item 8 Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

Inapplicable.

Item 9 Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Inapplicable.

Item 10 Certification.

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

Exhibits

Exhibit 99-1

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Joint Filing Agreement, dated February 9, 2012, between Pyxis Long/Short Healthcare Fund (f/k/a Highland Long/Short Healthcare Fund), Pyxis Capital, L.P. (f/k/a Highland Funds Asset Management, L.P.), Strand Advisors XVI, Inc., Cummings Bay Capital Management, L.P., Cummings Bay Capital Management GP, LLC, Highland Capital Management Services, Inc., James D. Dondero.

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: February 9, 2012

PYXIS FUNDS I, on behalf of its series Pyxis Long/Short Healthcare Fund

By: /s/ Alan Head

Name: Alan Head

Title: CCO and AMLO

PYXIS CAPITAL, L.P.

By: Strand Advisors XVI, Inc., its general partner

By: /s/ Thomas Surgent

Name: Thomas Surgent

Title: Secretary

STRAND ADVISORS XVI, INC.

By: /s/ Thomas Surgent

Name: Thomas Surgent

Title: Secretary

CUMMINGS BAY CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.

By: Cummings Bay Capital Management GP,

LLC, its general partner

By: /s/ James D. Dondero

Name: James D. Dondero

Title: President

CUMMINGS BAY CAPITAL MANAGEMENT GP, LLC

By: /s/ James D. Dondero

Name: James D. Dondero

Title: President

HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC.

By: /s/ James D. Dondero

Name: James D. Dondero

Title: President

/s/ James D. Dondero

James D. Dondero

EXHIBIT 99-1

JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

In accordance with Rule 13d-1(k) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the undersigned agree to the joint filing on behalf of each of them of a Statement on Schedule 13G (including any and all amendments thereto) with respect to the Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share, of MediciNova, Inc., and further agree that this Joint Filing Agreement shall be included as an Exhibit to such joint filings.

The undersigned further agree that each party hereto is responsible for the timely filing of such Statement on Schedule 13G and any amendments thereto, and for the accuracy and completeness of the information concerning such party contained therein; provided, however, that no party is responsible for the accuracy or completeness of the information concerning any other party, unless such party knows or has reason to believe that such information is inaccurate.

This Joint Filing Agreement may be signed in counterparts with the same effect as if the signature on each counterpart were upon the same instrument.

[Signature Page Follows]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this Agreement as of February 9, 2012.

PYXIS FUNDS I, on behalf of its series Pyxis Long/Short Healthcare Fund

By: /s/ Alan Head

Name: Alan Head

Title: CCO and AMLO

PYXIS CAPITAL, L.P.

By: Strand Advisors XVI, Inc., its general partner

By: /s/ Thomas Surgent

Name: Thomas Surgent

Title: Secretary

STRAND ADVISORS XVI, INC.

By: /s/ Thomas Surgent

Name: Thomas Surgent

Title: Secretary

CUMMINGS BAY CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.

By: Cummings Bay Capital Management GP,
LLC, its general partner

By: /s/ James D. Dondero

Name: James D. Dondero

Title: President

CUMMINGS BAY CAPITAL MANAGEMENT GP, LLC

By: /s/ James D. Dondero

Name: James D. Dondero

Title: President

HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC.

By: /s/ James D. Dondero

Name: James D. Dondero

Title: President

/s/ James D. Dondero

James D. Dondero