GAMMANS RICHARD E SR

Form 4

February 03, 2009

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * GAMMANS RICHARD E SR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol MEDICINOVA INC [MNOV]

(First) (Middle) (Last)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

4350 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DRIVE, 01/30/2009 **SUITE 950**

(State)

(Street)

(Zip)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

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

SAN DIEGO, CA 92122

(City)

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

Issuer

below)

Director

Applicable Line)

X_ Officer (give title

6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)

10% Owner

Other (specify

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Chief Development Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

below)

Estimated average

burden hours per

(A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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

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)

1. Title of Derivative Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8 **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	((Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.	8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)						
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 2.2	01/30/2009		A		60,000		<u>(1)</u>	01/29/2019	Common Stock	60,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

GAMMANS RICHARD E SR 4350 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DRIVE, SUITE 950 SAN DIEGO, CA 92122

Chief Development Officer

Signatures

/s/ Shintaro Asako, Attorney-in-Fact 02/03/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The option vests over a four (4) year period commencing January 30, 2009, in equal monthly installments.

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