MEDICINOVA INC Form 8-K February 01, 2011

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 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): January 28, 2011

MEDICINOVA, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

DELAWARE (State or Other Jurisdiction

of Incorporation)

001-33185 (Commission 33-0927979 (IRS Employer

File Number)

Identification No.)

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4350 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DRIVE, SUITE 950, SAN DIEGO, CA (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code) Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (858) 373-1500

Not Applicable

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- " Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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

On January 28, 2011, Alan W. Dunton, M.D., resigned as a member of the Board of Directors of MediciNova, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the <u>Company</u>), with immediate effect. Dr. Dunton s resignation was not in connection with any known disagreement with the Company on any matter. Following Dr. Dunton s resignation the Board of Directors reduced the size of the Board of Directors from six to five members.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

MEDICINOVA, INC.

Date: February 1, 2011

By: /s/ Yuichi Iwaki

Name: Yuichi Iwaki, M.D., Ph.D.

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer