

Kalafer Michael E
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Kalafer Michael E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 MEDICINOVA INC [MNOV]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 4350 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DRIVE,
 SUITE 950

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 07/28/2009

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Chief Medical Officer

(Street)
 SAN DIEGO, CA 92122

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	07/28/2009		P		3,437	A	\$ 4.53	12,158	I	Held by Survivors Trust of the Kalafer Family Trust UA 5/13/08 ⁽³⁾
Common Stock	07/28/2009		P		19,586	A	\$ 4.42	31,744	I	Held by Survivors Trust of the Kalafer Family

Trust UA
5/13/08 ⁽³⁾

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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(9-02)**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.53	07/28/2009		X	3,437	<u>(1)</u> 06/18/2018	Common Stock	3,437
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.42	07/28/2009		X	19,586	<u>(2)</u> 01/06/2018	Common Stock	19,586

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address**Relationships**

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Kalafer Michael E
4350 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DRIVE, SUITE 950
SAN DIEGO, CA 92122

Chief Medical Officer

Signatures

/s/ Shintaro Asako,
Attorney-in-Fact

07/30/2009

**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 June 19, 2008, in equal monthly installments.

(2) The option vests over a four (4) year period commencing January 7, 2008, in equal monthly installments.

(3) Michael Kalafer acts as trustee of the trust.

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