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FORM 4	UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940	OMB APPROVAL OMB Number: 3235-0287 Expires: January 31, 2005 Estimated average burden hours per response. 0.5
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *	2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol	4. Statement for (Month/Day/Year)	6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
Richards, John D (Last) (First) (Middle) **c/o The Medicines Company** **5 Sylvan Way** (Street) **Parsippany, NJ 07054** (City) (State) (Zip)	**The Medicines Company - MDCO** 3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)	**03/03/2003** 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)	___ Director ___ 10% Owner __X__ Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below) **Vice President** 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) __X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person _____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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	**03/03/2003**		**M**		**5000**	**A**	**3.08**			
Common Stock (1)	**03/03/2003**		**S**		**2500**	**D**	**18.68**			
Common Stock (1)	**03/03/2003**		**S**		**2500**	**D**	**18.67**	**7100**	**D**	

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Securities: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	**3.08**	**03/03/2003**		**M**			**5000**	**//(2)**	**03/23/2010**	**Common Stock**	**5000**		**8410**	**D**	

Explanation of Responses: **(1) The common Stock sales reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 program adopted by Dr. Richards on December 10, 2002.**
(2) As of 03-03-2003, the original option (14,600 shares granted 03-23-2000) was vested with respect to 10,646 of the shares covered thereby. After the exercise of the options reported on this Form 4, 4,456 of the shares covered by the option were vested but not exercised and the remaining 3,954 shares will vest in equal monthly installments ending 03-23-2004.

/s/ John D. Richards — ** Signature of Reporting Person
03/05/2003 — Date

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

* 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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *See* Instruction 6 for procedure.

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