

Cara Therapeutics, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
January 11, 2016

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 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 11, 2016**

**CARA THERAPEUTICS, INC.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Delaware**  
**(State or other jurisdiction**

**of incorporation)**

**001-36279**  
**(Commission**

**File Number)**

**75-3175693**  
**(IRS Employer**

**Identification No.)**

**1 Parrott Drive**

**06484**

**Shelton, Connecticut**  
**(Address of principal executive offices)**

**(Zip Code)**

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code (203) 567-1500**

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.):

- ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- ☐ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.**

A copy of the investor presentation that Cara Therapeutics, Inc. plans to use in conjunction with meetings, beginning on January 11, 2016, during the J.P. Morgan Healthcare Conference is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference. The information contained in the presentation furnished as Exhibit 99.1 shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act, and is not incorporated by reference into any of the Company's filings under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, whether made before or after the date hereof, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in any such filing.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

**Exhibit**

| <b>No.</b> | <b>Description</b>                                            |
|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| 99.1       | Cara Therapeutics, Inc. Corporate Presentation January, 2016. |

**SIGNATURES**

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

**CARA THERAPEUTICS, INC.**

**By: /s/ JOSEF SCHOELL**  
Josef Schoell  
Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial and Accounting  
Officer)

Date: January 11, 2016