

PETERSON RICHARD D  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
PETERSON RICHARD D

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
MEDICIS PHARMACEUTICAL CORP [MRX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
7720 N. DOBSON RD.  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
05/13/2010

\_\_\_\_ Director  
\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP, CFO & Corp Treasurer

SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85256

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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	(D)	Price
Common Stock					169,701 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	05/13/2010		M		22,010	A	\$ 18.33
Common Stock	05/13/2010		S		22,010 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	\$ 25.2645
Common Stock	05/17/2010		S		1,000	D	\$ 24.5185

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

