

MEDICINOVA INC  
Form 8-K  
June 20, 2008

**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): June 19, 2008

**MEDICINOVA, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

**001-33185**  
(Commission File Number)

4350 La Jolla Village Drive, Suite 950

**33-0927979**  
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

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San Diego, CA 92122

(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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- 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 8.01 Other Events.**

Effective June 19, 2008, the Board of Directors of MediciNova, Inc. (the Registrant ) appointed Michael E. Kalafer, M.D. as Chief Medical Officer of the Registrant.

**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.

Dated: June 20, 2008

MEDICINOVA, INC.

By: /s/ Shintaro Asako  
Shintaro Asako

Chief Financial Officer