

Kalafer Michael E
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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 *
 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)
 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)
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

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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