CELL THERAPEUTICS INC Form 8-K July 01, 2013

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): July 1, 2013 (June 25, 2013)

CELL THERAPEUTICS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Washington (State or other jurisdiction

001-12465 (Commission 91-1533912 (I.R.S. Employer

of incorporation or organization)

File Number)

Identification Number)

3101 Western Avenue, Suite 600

Seattle, Washington 98121

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (206) 282-7100

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- 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 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(b) Termination or Resignation of Certain Officers.

On June 25, 2013, Steven E. Benner, M.D., M.H.S., the Executive Vice President, Chief Medical Officer and Chief Compliance Officer of Cell Therapeutics, Inc. (the Company), delivered notice of his intention to resign as Executive Vice President, Chief Medical Officer and Chief Compliance Officer of the Company, effective June 25, 2013.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On June 28, 2013, the Company issued a press release entitled Cell Therapeutics Announces Resignation of Chief Medical Officer. A copy of the press release is furnished and not filed pursuant to Item 7.01 as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Such information shall not be deemed to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, and shall not be deemed to be 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 and regardless of any general incorporation language in such filings, except to the extent expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit

Number Description

99.1 Press Release, dated June 28, 2013, entitled Cell Therapeutics Announces Resignation of Chief Medical Officer.

SIGNATURE

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.

CELL THERAPEUTICS, INC.

Date: July 1, 2013 By: /s/ James A. Bianco, M.D.

James A. Bianco

President and Chief Executive Officer

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