

INOVIO PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.
Form 8-K
July 20, 2017

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 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 18, 2017

Inovio Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

001-14888
(Commission File Number)

660 W. Germantown Pike, Suite 110

33-0969592
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(267) 440-4200

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(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))
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth Company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On July 19, 2017, we entered into an underwriting agreement (the **Underwriting Agreement**) with Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and Piper Jaffray & Co., as representatives of the several underwriters named therein (collectively, the **Underwriters**), relating to the issuance and sale in a public offering of 12,500,000 shares of our common stock, par value \$0.001 per share. The price to the public in the offering is \$6.00 per share. The net proceeds to us from the offering are expected to be approximately \$70.2 million, after deducting the underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us. The closing of the offering is expected to occur on July 25, 2017, subject to customary closing conditions. In addition, we granted the Underwriters a 30-day option to purchase up to 1,875,000 additional shares of our common stock at the public offering price, less the underwriting discounts and commissions. We anticipate using the net proceeds from the offering for general corporate purposes, including clinical trial expenses, research and development expenses, general and administrative expenses, manufacturing expenses and other business development activities.

The Underwriting Agreement contains customary representations, warranties and agreements by us, customary conditions to closing, indemnification obligations of Inovio and the Underwriters, including for liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, other obligations of the parties and termination provisions. The representations, warranties and covenants contained in the Underwriting Agreement were made only for purposes of such agreement and as of specific dates, were solely for the benefit of the parties to such agreement, and may be subject to limitations agreed upon by such parties.

The offering is being made pursuant to our registration statement on Form S-3 (Registration Statement No. 333-204420) that was declared effective with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on June 5, 2015, and a prospectus supplement thereunder. A copy of the Underwriting Agreement is filed as Exhibit 1.1 to this report, and the foregoing description of the terms of the Underwriting Agreement does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to such exhibit. A copy of the opinion of Cooley LLP relating to the legality of the issuance and sale of the shares in the offering is attached as Exhibit 5.1 hereto.

On July 18, 2017, we issued a press release announcing the offering, and on July 19, 2017, we issued a press release announcing that we had priced the offering. Copies of these press releases are attached as Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2 hereto, respectively.

Forward-Looking Statements

This report contains certain forward-looking statements relating to Inovio's business that involve a number of risks and uncertainties, including statements about its expectations with respect to the public offering. These statements may be identified by introductory words such as *may*, *expects*, *plan*, *believe*, *will*, *achieve*, *anticipate*, *would*, *to* or words of similar meaning, or by the fact that they do not relate strictly to historical or current facts. For such statements, Inovio claims the protection of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Actual events or results may differ from the expectations set forth herein as a result of a number of factors, including, but limited to, risks and uncertainties associated with market conditions and the satisfaction of customary closing conditions related to the public offering, and other factors discussed in the **Risk Factors** section of Inovio's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016, filed with the SEC on March 15, 2017, Inovio's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2017, filed with the SEC on May 10, 2017, and other filings that Inovio makes with the SEC from time to time. There can be no assurance that any of the forward-looking information provided herein will be proven accurate.

In addition, the forward-looking statements included in this report represent Inovio's views as of the date hereof. Inovio anticipates that subsequent events and developments may cause its views to change. However, while Inovio may elect to update these forward-looking statements at some point in the future, the company specifically disclaims any obligation to do so, except as may be required by law. These forward-looking statements should not be relied

upon as representing Inovio's views as of any date subsequent to the date of this report.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.
(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit

No.	Description
1.1	Underwriting Agreement, dated July 19, 2017, by and among Inovio Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and Piper Jaffray & Co., as representatives of the several underwriters named therein
5.1	Opinion of Cooley LLP
23.1	Consent of Cooley LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1)
99.1	Press Release, dated July 18, 2017, titled Inovio Announces Proposed Public Offering of Common Stock
99.2	Press Release, dated July 19, 2017, titled Inovio Announces Pricing of Public Offering of Common Stock

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.

INOVIO PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

By: /s/ Peter Kies
Peter Kies
Chief Financial Officer

Date: July 20, 2017