

Cara Therapeutics, Inc.  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Schoell Josef		(Month/Day/Year)	Cara Therapeutics, Inc. [CARA]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
		01/30/2014		
C/O CARA THERAPEUTICS, INC., Â 1 PARROTT DRIVE			(Check all applicable)	
	(Street)		<input type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
			(give title below)	(specify below)
			Chief Financial Officer	
				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
				<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
SHELTON, Â CT Â 06484				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	0	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (1)	07/11/2015	Common Stock	40,000	\$ 0.25	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (1)	09/29/2016	Common Stock	8,000	\$ 0.78	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (1)	11/07/2017	Common Stock	12,000	\$ 2.48	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (1)	08/14/2018	Common Stock	4,000	\$ 2.25	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (2)	09/08/2021	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 0.85	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Schoell Josef C/O CARA THERAPEUTICS, INC. 1 PARROTT DRIVE SHELTON, CT 06484	Â	Â	Â Chief Financial Officer	Â

## Signatures

/s/Darren DeStefano,  
Attorney-in-Fact

01/30/2014

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Immediately exercisable.
- (2) This option vests and becomes exercisable over a four-year period as follows: 25% of the shares underlying the option vested on September 8, 2012 with the remainder vesting in equal monthly installments over the following 36 months.

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### Remarks:

Exhibit List - Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

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