

MEDICIS PHARMACEUTICAL CORP

Form 4

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
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 *
ALTSCHUL ARTHUR G JR

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol

MEDICIS PHARMACEUTICAL
CORP [MRX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

7720 N. DOBSON RD.

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)

05/15/2012

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85256

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D)	Price	
Common Stock	05/15/2012		A		2,311 (1)	\$ 0	8,497 D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Non-Employee Director Option	\$ 37.85	05/15/2012		A	7,743	(2) 05/15/2019	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ALTSCHUL ARTHUR G JR 7720 N. DOBSON RD. SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85256				

Signatures

Arthur Altschul 05/17/2012

__Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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).
- Vesting Date is upon the earlier of 5/15/2013 or the next annual meeting at which one or more members of the board of directors are
- (1) standing for re-election, subject in either case to the non-employee director's continued service on the board through such date. Projected annual meeting date is May 2013.
- Date Exercisable is upon the earlier of 5/15/2013 or the next annual meeting at which one or more members of the board of directors are
- (2) standing for re-election, subject in either case to the non-employee director's continued service on the board through such date. Projected annual meeting date is May 2013.
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