

MEDICINOVA INC  
Form 8-K  
February 08, 2018

**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): February 7, 2018**

**MEDICINOVA, INC.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**DELAWARE**  
**(State or other jurisdiction**  
**of incorporation)**

**001-33185**  
**(Commission**  
**File Number)**

**33-0927979**  
**(IRS Employer**  
**Identification No.)**

**4275 EXECUTIVE SQUARE,**

**92037**

**SUITE 300, LA JOLLA, CA**  
**(Address of principal executive offices)** **(Zip Code)**  
**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (858) 373-1500**

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))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2).

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 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On February 7, 2018, MediciNova, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the Company), entered into an Underwriting Agreement (the Underwriting Agreement) with Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. Inc., acting as representative of the underwriters named in the Underwriting Agreement (the Underwriters), relating to the issuance and sale of 4,419,890 shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the Offering). The price to the public in the Offering is \$9.05 per share, and the Underwriters have agreed to purchase the shares from the Company pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement at a price of \$8.507 per share. Under the terms of the Underwriting Agreement, the Company has granted the Underwriters an option, exercisable for 30 days, to purchase up to an additional 662,983 shares. The net proceeds to the Company from the Offering are expected to be approximately \$37.4 million, after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated Offering expenses payable by the Company, assuming no exercise by the Underwriters of its option to purchase additional shares of common stock. The transactions contemplated by the Underwriting Agreement are expected to close on February 12, 2018, subject to the satisfaction of customary closing conditions.

The Offering was made pursuant to the Company's shelf registration statement on Form S-3, initially filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on September 22, 2017, which became effective on October 2, 2017 (File No. 333-220593) and the related prospectus supplement filed with the SEC pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act.

The Underwriting Agreement contains customary representations, warranties and agreements by the Company, customary conditions to closing, indemnification obligations of the Company and the Underwriters, including for liabilities under the Securities Act, other obligations of the parties and termination provisions. A copy of the Underwriting Agreement is filed as Exhibit 1.1 to this Current Report and is incorporated herein by reference. The foregoing description of the terms of the Underwriting Agreement is qualified in its entirety by the Underwriting Agreement.

The Underwriting Agreement is attached hereto as an exhibit to provide interested persons with information regarding its terms, but is not intended to provide any other factual information about the Company. The representations, warranties and covenants contained in the Underwriting Agreement were made only for purposes of the Underwriting Agreement as of specific dates indicated therein, were solely for the benefit of the parties to the Underwriting Agreement, and may be subject to limitations agreed upon by the parties, including being qualified by confidential disclosures exchanged between the parties in connection with the execution of the Underwriting Agreement.

The legal opinion, including the related consent, of Gunderson Dettmer Stough Villeneuve Franklin & Hachigian, LLP relating to the legality of the issuance and sale of the shares of the Company's common stock in the Offering is filed as Exhibit 5.1 to this Current Report.

This Current Report contains forward-looking statements that involve risk and uncertainties, such as statements related to the anticipated closing of the Offering and the amount of net proceeds expected from the Offering. The risks and uncertainties involved include the Company's ability to satisfy certain conditions to closing on a timely basis or at all, as well as other risks detailed from time to time in the Company's SEC filings.

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On February 7, 2018, the Company issued press releases to announce the proposed Offering and to announce that it had priced the Offering. Copies of the press releases are attached hereto as Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2 and are incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit

No.	Description
1.1	<u>Underwriting Agreement, dated February 7, 2018, between MediciNova, Inc. and Ladenburg Thalmann &amp; Co. Inc.</u>
5.1	<u>Opinion and Consent of Gunderson Dettmer Stough Villeneuve Franklin &amp; Hachigian, LLP</u>
23.1	<u>Consent of Gunderson Dettmer Stough Villeneuve Franklin &amp; Hachigian, LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1)</u>
99.1	<u>Press release issued by MediciNova, Inc. dated February 7, 2018 titled MediciNova Announces Proposed Underwritten Public Offering of Common Stock</u>
99.2	<u>Press release issued by MediciNova, Inc. dated February 7, 2018 titled MediciNova Announces Pricing of Underwritten Public Offering of Common Stock</u>

**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.

**MEDICINOVA, INC.**

DATE: February 8, 2018

By: /s/ Ryan Selhorn  
Ryan Selhorn  
Chief Financial Officer