

MURPHY JAMES R  
Form 4  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
MURPHY JAMES R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
BENTLEY PHARMACEUTICALS INC [BNT]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
BENTLEY PARK, 2 HOLLAND WAY

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
05/23/2007

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman & CEO

(Street)  
EXETER, NH 03833

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
				Code	V	Amount		
Common Stock, \$0.02 par value	05/23/2007		M	6,750 (1)	A	\$ 0	419,978	D
Common Stock, \$0.02 par value	05/23/2007		F	2,325 (2)	D	\$ 11.965	417,653	D
Common Stock, \$0.02 par							11,084	I
								Company-Sponsored 401(k) Plan

value

Common  
Stock,  
\$0.02 par  
value

100 <sup>(3)</sup>

I

By Son

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)

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 of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount Number Shares
Right to purchase	\$ 5.875					<sup>(4)</sup> 01/03/2010	Common Stock, \$0.02 par value 75,
Right to purchase	\$ 5.875					<sup>(5)</sup> 01/01/2011	Common Stock, \$0.02 par value 17,
Right to purchase	\$ 6					<sup>(6)</sup> 05/09/2011	Common Stock, \$0.02 par value 57,
Right to purchase	\$ 9.79					<sup>(7)</sup> 01/03/2012	Common Stock, \$0.02 par value 100,
Right to purchase	\$ 8.05					<sup>(8)</sup> 01/01/2013	Common Stock, \$0.02 par value 50,
Right to purchase	\$ 10.04					<sup>(9)</sup> 05/21/2013	Common Stock, \$0.02 par value 50,

Instrument	Price	Grant Date	Exercise Date	Class	Quantity	Code	Expiration Date	Common Stock, \$0.02 par value	Quantity
Right to purchase	\$ 13.3					(10)	01/01/2014	Common Stock, \$0.02 par value	100
Right to purchase	\$ 7.5					(11)	03/30/2015	Common Stock, \$0.02 par value	150
Right to purchase	\$ 11.775					(12)	05/23/2016	Common Stock, \$0.02 par value	137
Right to purchase	\$ 11.965	05/23/2007		A	100,000	(13)	05/23/2017	Common Stock, \$0.02 par value	100
Restricted Stock Units	(14)	05/23/2007		A	18,000	(15)	(15)	Common Stock, \$0.02 par value	18,000
Restricted Stock Units	(14)	05/23/2007		M	6,750	(16)	(16)	Common Stock, \$0.02 par value	6,750

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MURPHY JAMES R BENTLEY PARK 2 HOLLAND WAY EXETER, NH 03833	X		Chairman & CEO	

## Signatures

James R  
Murphy

05/24/2007

\*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## 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).
- (1) Represents shares issued from the vesting of restricted stock units.
- (2) Represents shares withheld by the Company to satisfy minimum tax withholding requirements.

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- (3) Represents 100 shares of Common Stock held by Mr. Murphy's son, as to which Mr. Murphy disclaims beneficial ownership.
- (4) Options were granted under terms of the Company's 1991 Stock Option Plan. Grant became exercisable on 1/3/2001.
- (5) Options were granted under terms of the Company's 1991 Stock Option Plan. Grant became exercisable on 1/1/2002.
- (6) Options were granted under terms of the Company's 2001 Employee Stock Option Plan. Grant became exercisable on 5/9/2002.
- (7) Options were granted under terms of the Company's 2001 Employee Stock Option Plan. Grant became exercisable in two equal installments on 1/3/2003 and 1/3/2004.
- (8) Options were granted under terms of the Company's 2001 Employee Stock Option Plan. Grant became exercisable in two equal installments on 1/1/2004 and 1/1/2005.
- (9) Options were granted under terms of the Company's 2001 Employee Stock Option Plan. Grant became exercisable in two equal installments on (5/21/2004 and 5/21/2005).
- (10) Options were granted under terms of the Company's 2001 Employee Stock Option Plan. Grant became exercisable in two equal installments on (1/1/2005 and 1/1/2006).
- (11) Options were granted under terms of the Company's 2001 Employee Stock Option Plan. Grant becomes exercisable in three equal installments on 3/30/2006, 3/30/2007 and 3/30/2008.
- (12) Options were granted under terms of the Company's Amended and Restated 2005 Equity and Incentive Plan. Grants become exercisable in three equal installments (5/23/2007, 5/23/2008 and 5/23/2009).
- (13) Options were granted under terms of the Company's Amended and Restated 2005 Equity and Incentive Plan. Grants become exercisable in three equal installments 5/23/2008, 5/23/2009 and 5/23/2010.
- (14) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Bentley Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Common Stock, \$0.02 par value.
- (15) Restricted stock units were granted under the terms of the Company's Amended and Restated 2005 Equity and Incentive Plan. Units vest, and will be issued to the reporting person, in four equal installments on 5/23/2008, 5/23/2009, 5/23/2010 and 5/23/2011.
- (16) Restricted stock units were granted under the terms of the Company's Amended and Restated 2005 Equity and Incentive Plan. Remaining units vest, and will be issued to the reporting person, in three equal installments on 5/23/2008, 5/23/2009 and 5/23/2010.

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