# 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): August 2, 2005

MEDICINOVA, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware** (State or other jurisdiction

000-51133 (Commission File Number) 33-0927979 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

of incorporation)

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## San Diego, CA 92122

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (858) 373-1500

## Not Applicable

(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 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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#### Item 8.01 Other Events.

On August 2, 2005, MediciNova, Inc. announced in a press release the enrollment of patients in a Phase II clinical study with MN-166 for the treatment of multiple sclerosis, an inflammatory demyelinating disease of the central nervous system.

Attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and incorporated herein by reference in its entirety is the press release issued by MediciNova on August 2, 2005.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

#### (c) Exhibits.

| Exhibit | Description                          |
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|         |                                      |
| 99.1    | Press Release issued August 2, 2005. |

## **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.

Dated: August 2, 2005.

MEDICINOVA, INC.

By: /s/ Takashi Kiyoizumi Takashi Kiyoizumi, M.D., Ph.D. President and Chief Executive Officer

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