

RODNER SETH L  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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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 <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â RODNER SETH L		(Month/Day/Year)	MEDICIS PHARMACEUTICAL CORP [MRX]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
7720 N. DOBSON RD.			(Check all applicable)	
(Street)			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below)    (specify below) EVP, CLO & Corp Secretary	
SCOTTSDALE,Â AZÂ 85256			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

**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	24,090 <sup>(1)</sup>	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) or Indirect	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable    Expiration Date	Title    Amount or Number of			

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Appreciation Right	Â (2)	02/27/2016	Common Stock	112,701	\$ 11.28	D	Â
Employee Stock Appreciation Right	Â (3)	03/01/2017	Common Stock	83,382	\$ 22.69	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RODNER SETH L 7720 N. DOBSON RD. SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85256	Â	Â	Â EVP, CLO & Corp Secretary	Â

## Signatures

Seth L. Rodner 01/11/2012

\*\*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) Represents shares of restricted stock.

(2) The Stock Appreciation Right ("SAR") vests in five (5) annual installments on each anniversary of the Grant Date as follows: Year 1, 10%; Year 2, 10%; Year 3, 20%; Year 4, 30%; Year 5, 30%. Upon exercise, the vested SARs will be settled in cash. The SAR was granted on 02/27/2009 (the "Grant Date"). The amount shown in column 3 represents the number of shares of common stock of the Issuer underlying the SAR which remains unvested. No vested portion of the SAR remains unexercised as of the date hereof.

(3) The Stock Appreciation Right ("SAR") vests in five (5) annual installments on each anniversary of the Grant Date as follows: Year 1, 10%; Year 2, 10%; Year 3, 20%; Year 4, 30%; Year 5, 30%. Upon exercise, the vested SARs will be settled in cash. The SAR was granted on 03/01/2010 (the "Grant Date"). The amount shown in column 3 represents the number of shares of common stock of the Issuer underlying the SAR which remains unvested. No vested portion of the SAR remains unexercised as of the date hereof.

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