

LA JOLLA PHARMACEUTICAL CO  
Form 8-K  
October 12, 2004

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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):

October 11, 2004

La Jolla Pharmaceutical Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

0-24274

33-0361285

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

6455 Nancy Ridge Drive, San Diego, CA

92121

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

(858) 452-6600

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 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.**

October 12, 2004, La Jolla Pharmaceutical Company (the "Company") announced that Craig R. Smith, M.D. had been appointed to the Company's board of directors. Dr. Smith has also been appointed to the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee of the Board of Directors and to the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors. The press release announcing the appointment of Dr. Smith is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

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

(c) Exhibits

The following exhibits are filed with this Current Report on Form 8-K:

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release

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**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.

La Jolla Pharmaceutical Company  
(Registrant)

*October 12, 2004*

By: *Gail A. Sloan*

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*Name: Gail A. Sloan*  
*Title: Vice President of Finance and Secretary*

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<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
EX-99.1	Press Release