

LUPPINO FRANCESCO J
Form 4
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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 *
LUPPINO FRANCESCO J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ANIKA THERAPEUTICS INC
[ANIK]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
32 WIGGINS AVENUE
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/01/2012

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
____ 10% Owner
____ Other (specify below)
Chief Operating Officer

BEDFORD, MA 01730

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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. D
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 6.99 ⁽¹⁾	03/01/2012 ⁽²⁾	A	37,500			⁽³⁾	03/01/2022	Common Stock	37,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LUPPINO FRANCESCO J 32 WIGGINS AVENUE BEDFORD, MA 01730			Chief Operating Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Charles H. Sherwood,
Attorney-in-Fact
^{**}Signature of Reporting Person

03/05/2012
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) The exercise price of the stock options represents the closing price of the Company's common stock on June 7, 2011, the date the Board of Directors of the Company granted performance-based stock option awards (the "Performance Grant") and approved the performance measures governing such Performance Grant.

(2) The stock options were issued under the Performance Grant on March 1, 2012, the date the Compensation Committee of the Company determined that certain performance measures governing the Performance Grant were achieved.

(3) The stock options vest in three equal installments as follows: March 1, 2012, January 1, 2013, and January 1, 2014

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