

MEDICIS PHARMACEUTICAL CORP  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Cooper Joseph Patrick</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>8125 N. HAYDEN ROAD</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85258</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>07/10/2006</p>	<p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>MEDICIS PHARMACEUTICAL CORP [MRX]</p>	<p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>(give title below) (specify below)</p> <p>EVP, Corp &amp; Product Development</p>	<p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p>	<p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>
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**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	31,200 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	^

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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			

				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option <u>(2)</u>	07/16/2005	07/16/2014	Common Stock	63,000	\$ 38.45	D	Â
Employee Stock Option <u>(3)</u>	03/01/2007	03/01/2013	Common Stock	63,000	\$ 23.01	D	Â
Employee Stock Option <u>(4)</u>	07/31/2004	07/31/2013	Common Stock	63,000	\$ 29.2	D	Â
Employee Stock Option <u>(5)</u>	07/21/2006	07/21/2015	Common Stock	28,500	\$ 32.41	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Cooper Joseph Patrick 8125 N. HAYDEN ROAD SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85258	Â	Â	Â EVP, Corp & Product Development	Â

## Signatures

Joseph Cooper                      07/19/2006  
 \_\_Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting Person

## 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) Includes 4,000 shares received from a restricted stock lapse that occurred on 3/1/06. Includes 16,000 shares from Restricted Stock grant dated 3/1/03- Remaining vesting of 30% on 3/1/07 and 50% on 3/1/08. Includes 5,700 shares of Restricted Stock Grant vesting over 5 years on grant date beginning 7/21/2006- 10% year 1, 10% year 2, 20% year 3, 30% year 4, 30% year 5. Includes 5,500 shares Restricted Stock Grant Vesting over 5 years on grant date beginning 2/7/2007- 10% year 1, 10% year 2, 20% year 3, 30% year 4, 30% year 5.
  - (2) NQ Employee Stock Option vesting over 5 years on grant date beginning 7/16/2005. 10% year 1, 10% year 2, 20% year 3, 30% year 4, 30% year 5.
  - (3) NQ Employee Stock Option grant dated 3/1/03. Vesting 50% on 3/1/07 and 50% on 3/1/08.
  - (4) NQ Employee Stock Option vesting over 5 years on grant date beginning 7/31/2004. 10% year 1, 10% year 2, 20% year 3, 30% year 4, 30% year 5.
  - (5) NQ Employee Stock Option vesting over 5 years on grant date beginning 7/21/2006. 10% year 1, 10% year 2, 20% year 3, 30% year 4, 30% year 5.

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