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MEDICINES CO /DE  
Form 8-K  
April 20, 2004

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON D.C. 20549

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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): April 20, 2004

The Medicines Company

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(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware	000-31191	04-3324394
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(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

8 Campus Drive Parsippany, New Jersey	07054
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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)	(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (973) 656-1616

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(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Item 12. Disclosure of Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On April 20, 2004, The Medicines Company (the "Company") announced its financial results for the quarter ended March 31, 2004. The full text of the press release issued in connection with the announcement is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K and the Exhibit attached hereto shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, except as

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expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

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.

THE MEDICINES COMPANY

Date: April 20, 2004

By: /s/ Steven H. Koehler

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Steven H. Koehler

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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Exhibit No.

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Description

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99.1

Press release dated April 20, 2004 entitled "The Medicines Company Reports First Quarter 2004 Financial Results."