

CRITICAL THERAPEUTICS INC  
Form 8-K  
February 15, 2006

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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):

February 14, 2006

CRITICAL THERAPEUTICS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

000-50767

04-3523569

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

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

60 WESTVIEW STREET, LEXINGTON,  
Massachusetts

02421

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(781) 402-5700

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

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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 8.01 Other Events.**

On February 14, 2006, Paul D. Rubin, M.D., the President and Chief Executive Officer and a member of the Board of Directors of Critical Therapeutics, Inc. (the "Company"), terminated a pre-arranged trading plan that he had entered into on August 9, 2005 in accordance with Rule 10b5-1 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") and the Company's insider trading policy governing transactions in the Company's securities by its directors, executive officers and employees.

Dr. Rubin's plan had provided for the sale of up to 180,000 shares of the Company's common stock over an 18-month period beginning on October 15, 2005, of which 40,000 had been sold prior to termination of the plan. Under the terms of his plan, shares had been sold on the open market at prevailing market prices, subject to minimum price thresholds.

The pre-arranged trading plan had been adopted in order to allow Dr. Rubin to sell a portion of his shares of common stock of the Company (or shares of common stock acquired upon exercise of vested stock options) over time as part of his long-term strategy for individual asset diversification and liquidity.

Rule 10b5-1 promulgated under the Exchange Act allows persons who are not aware of material, non-public information to adopt written, pre-arranged trading plans. The Company does not undertake to report Rule 10b5-1 plans that may be adopted by any of our executive officers or directors in the future, or to report any modifications or termination of any publicly announced plan, except to the extent required by law.

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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.

CRITICAL THERAPEUTICS, INC.

*February 15, 2006*

By: */s/ Trevor Phillips*

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*Name: Trevor Phillips  
Title: Chief Operating Officer and Senior Vice President of  
Operations*