

ANIKA THERAPEUTICS INC
Form 8-K
October 28, 2004

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 22, 2004**

Anika Therapeutics, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Massachusetts
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation)

000-21326
(Commission File
Number)

04-3145961
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

160 New Boston Street, Woburn, Massachusetts
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

01801
(Zip Code)

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Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (781) 932-6616

No Change Since Last Report

(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 5.02: Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

James E. O Neill, 40, controller of Anika Therapeutics, Inc. (the Registrant), was designated chief accounting officer and principal financial officer of the Registrant effective October 22, 2004. Prior to joining Anika in 2002, Mr. O Neill served as corporate controller for FairMarket, Inc., an online auction and promotions technology and service provider. From 1995 to 1999, Mr. O Neill held various positions at AVANT Immunotherapeutics, Inc. a biopharmaceutical company, most recently as Director of Finance.

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.

ANIKA THERAPEUTICS, INC.

October 28, 2004

By:

/s/ Charles H. Sherwood
Charles H. Sherwood, Ph.D.
Chief Executive Officer and President