

ANIKA THERAPEUTICS INC  
Form 8-K  
April 11, 2005

**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**

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Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **April 5, 2005**

**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)

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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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligations of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  
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  - o 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.**

On April 5, 2005, the Registrant's chief accounting officer and principal financial officer, James E. O'Neill, resigned, effective May 13, 2005. Mr. O'Neill, the Registrant's controller, had previously assumed these roles when the Registrant's chief financial officer resigned in October 2004. The existing finance staff, together with the Registrant's senior financial consultant and its chief executive officer, will be performing those tasks previously performed by Mr. O'Neill until a permanent chief financial officer and controller are hired.

**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.

April 11, 2005

By:

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