

Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Â Petersen Floyd F.
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement
 (Month/Day/Year)
 06/24/2014

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc. [AMPH]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

C/O AMPHASTAR
 PHARMACEUTICALS,
 INC.,Â 11570 6TH STREET
 (Street)

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer Other
 (give title below) (specify below)

RANCHO
 CUCAMONGA,Â CAÂ 91730
 (City) (State) (Zip)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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	32,955	D	Â
Common Stock	5,457 ⁽¹⁾	D	Â

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	4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security:	
			Title			Price of Derivative Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(2)</u>	12/18/2015	Common Stock	38,462	\$ 11.68	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(2)</u>	12/15/2017	Common Stock	39,312	\$ 10.77	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(3)</u>	12/20/2018	Common Stock	29,278	\$ 14.66	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Petersen Floyd F. C/O AMPHASTAR PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 11570 6TH STREET RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730	Â X	Â	Â	Â

Signatures

/s/Floyd F. Petersen, by Power of Attorney 06/24/2014

 Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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(1) This represents deferred stock units that were granted on 12/20/2013 and fully vest on the first anniversary of the grant date.

(2) This option is fully vested and exercisable.

This option was granted on 12/20/2013 and fully vests on the first anniversary of the grant date, subject to the reporting person's

(3) continued (i) employment with or service to the Issuer or subsidiary thereof and (ii) service on the Board of Directors of the Issuer, in each case through the vesting date.

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