

Anika Therapeutics, Inc.
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
WHEELER STEVE E

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 32 WIGGINS AVENUE
 (Street)
 BEDFORD, MA 01730
 (City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Anika Therapeutics, Inc. [ANIK]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 01/26/2016

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 01/26/2016 | | M | V | 1,770 A \$ 10.51 | 31,122 | D |
| Common Stock | 01/26/2016 | | F | | 486 ⁽²⁾ D \$ 38.33 | 30,636 | D |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Stock Appreciation Right | \$ 10.51 | 01/26/2016 | | M | 1,770 | <u>(1)</u> 01/26/2016 | Common Stock 1,770 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| WHEELER STEVE E 32 WIGGINS AVENUE BEDFORD, MA 01730 | | X | | |

Signatures

/s/ Sylvia Cheung for Charles H. Sherwood,
Attorney-in-fact 01/28/2016

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

- (1) Exercise of stock appreciation rights ("SARs") granted on January 26, 2006, which vested in full immediately on such date, and expiring on January 26, 2016.
- (2) Reflects 486 shares of common stock utilized to cover the exercise price of the above listed SARs award by the Reporting Person on January 26, 2016.

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