

CARE CAPITAL II LLC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
 Washington, D.C. 20549**

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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 \*  
 CARE CAPITAL II LLC

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 ACURA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC [ACUR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 47 HULFISH STREET SUITE 310  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 05/07/2009

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

PRINCETON, NJ 08542  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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

**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) |        |   |                       |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|--------|---|-----------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price                             |        |   |                       |
| Common Stock                    | 05/07/2009                           |  | S                              |   | 12,900  | D  | \$ 6.91                           | 51,689 | I | See footnotes (1) (2) |
| Common Stock                    | 05/08/2009                           |  | S                              |   | 10,600  | D  | \$ 6.93                           | 41,089 | I | See footnotes (1) (2) |

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)

| 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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| CARE CAPITAL II LLC<br>47 HULFISH STREET SUITE 310<br>PRINCETON, NJ 08542                     |               | X         |         |       |
| CARE CAPITAL INVESTMENTS II LP<br>47 HULFISH STREET SUITE 310<br>PRINCETON, NJ 08542          |               | X         |         |       |
| Care Capital Offshore Investments II LP<br>47 HULFISH STREET SUITE 310<br>PRINCETON, NJ 08542 |               | X         |         |       |
| Ramsay David Russ<br>47 HULFISH STREET SUITE 310<br>PRINCETON, NJ 08542                       |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ David R. Ramsay, Authorized Signatory 05/11/2009

\*\*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) The reportable securities are owned directly by Care Capital Investments II, L.P. and indirectly by Care Capital II, LLC as general partner of Care Capital Investments II, L.P. Care Capital II, LLC disclaims beneficial ownership of the reportable securities and this report shall not be deemed an admission that Care Capital II, LLC is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose, except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein. David Ramsay is one of the managing members of Care Capital II, LLC. Mr. Ramsay disclaims beneficial ownership of the reportable securities and this report shall not be deemed an admission that he is

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the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

The reportable securities are owned directly by Care Capital Offshore Investments II, L.P. and indirectly by Care Capital II, LLC as general partner of Care Capital Offshore Investments II, L.P. Care Capital II, LLC disclaims beneficial ownership of the reportable securities and this report shall not be deemed an admission that Care Capital II, LLC is the beneficial owner of such securities for

- (2) purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose, except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein. David Ramsay is one of the managing members of Care Capital II, LLC. Mr. Ramsay disclaims beneficial ownership of the reportable securities and this report shall not be deemed an admission that he is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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