

MAHON PAUL A
Form 4
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
MAHON PAUL A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
UNITED THERAPEUTICS CORP
[UTHR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/26/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP & General Counsel

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

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

(City) (State) (Zip)

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)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 8) Code V	Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	A N S
					(A)	(D)				
Employee Stock Options	\$ 77.125	12/26/2008	12/26/2008	D		100	(1)	10/04/2010	Common Stock	
Employee Stock Options	\$ 71.24	12/26/2008	12/26/2008	D		100,000	(3)	12/15/2015	Common Stock	1
Employee Stock Options	\$ 66.79	12/26/2008	12/26/2008	D		44,375	(5)	09/14/2017	Common Stock	4
Employee Stock Options	\$ 61.5	12/26/2008	12/26/2008	A		100	(1)	10/04/2010	Common Stock	
Employee Stock Options	\$ 61.5	12/26/2008	12/26/2008	A		100,000	(3)	12/15/2015	Common Stock	1
Employee Stock Options	\$ 61.5	12/26/2008	12/26/2008	A		44,375	(5)	09/14/2017	Common Stock	4

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MAHON PAUL A			EVP & General Counsel	

Signatures

/s/ Paul A. Mahon
12/30/2008

**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) These stock options will become exercisable on 12/26/2009.
- (2) The reporting person agreed to cancellation of the stock options granted to him on October 4, 2000, in exchange for new stock options having a lower exercise price.
- (3) These stock options will become exercisable on 12/26/2009.

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- (4) The reporting person agreed to cancellation of the stock options granted to him on December 15, 2005, in exchange for new stock options having a lower exercise price.
- (5) These stock options vest in one-third increments on each of 9/14/2009, 12/26/09 and 9/14/10.
- (6) The reporting person agreed to cancellation of the stock options granted to him on September 14, 2007, in exchange for new stock options having a lower exercise price.

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