

CARE CAPITAL II LLC

Form 4

April 19, 2013

**FORM 4**
**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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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)  
04/17/2013

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

PRINCETON, NJ 08542

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

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired<br>(A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6.<br>Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Ownership<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                    | V                                                                       | Amount<br>(1)                                                                                                      | (A)<br>or<br>(D)<br>Price<br>\$<br>(2)                                  |                                                                                |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 04/17/2013                              |                                                             | S                                       |                                                                         | 321,682<br>(1)                                                                                                     | D 3.33<br>(2)                                                           | 9,257,067 I<br>(3)                                                             |

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |     | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficial<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction<br>(Instr. 6) |                                        |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
|                                                     |                                                                    |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V                                                                                                                  | (A)                                                            | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable                                                       | Expiration<br>Date                                  | Title                                                                                                                    | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Care Capital LLC /s/ David R. Ramsay 04/19/2013

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Care Capital Investments II, LP, By: Care Capital II, LLC, Its General Partner /s/ David R. Ramsay 04/19/2013

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Care Capital Offshore Investments II, LP, By: Care Capital II, LLC, Its General Partner /s/  
David R. Ramsay

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

### 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 shares were sold as follows: 301,039 by Care Capital Investments II, LP and 20,643 by Care Capital Offshore Investments II, L.P.

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- (2) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$2.73 to \$3.60, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Acura Pharmaceuticals, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in footnote (2) to this Form 4.

- (3) Consists of 8,662,773 shares held by Care Capital Investments II, LP and 594,294 shares held by Care Capital Offshore Investments II, L.P. Care Capital II, LLC is the general partner of Care Capital Investments II, LP and Care Capital Offshore Investments II, LP and as a result, Care Capital II, LLC has the ultimate power to vote or direct the vote and to dispose or direct the disposition of such shares. Care Capital II, LLC is managed by three or more members and accordingly none of the managing members is deemed to have voting or dispositive control over the securities.

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