

ANIKA THERAPEUTICS, INC.

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FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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SIC Code	3841 - Surgical and Medical Instruments and Apparatus
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or
Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Ahn Edward S. (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]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Chief Tech & Strategy Officer
3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) <p align="center">3/2/2018</p>		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			

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

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. 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		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$50.13 (1)	3/2/2018 (2)		A	V	7788		(3)	1/27/2027	Common Stock	7788	\$0	7788	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) The exercise price of the stock options represents the closing price of the Company's common stock on the grant date, January 27, 2017, the date the Compensation Committee of the Company granted these performance-based stock option awards (the "Performance Grant"). Please also see notes 2 and 3.
- (2) On March 2, 2018, the Compensation Committee determined and certified that 55% of the initial Performance Grant had been earned, subject to time-based vesting. Please also see notes 1 and 3.
- (3) The stock options vest in three equal installments on the following dates: March 2, 2018, January 1, 2019, and January 1, 2020.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Ahn Edward S. 32 WIGGINS AVENUE BEDFORD, MA 01730			Chief Tech & Strategy Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Edward S. Ahn, Ph.D.

3/2/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

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

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