ACURA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC Form 8-K May 02, 2005

#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20549

#### FORM 8-K

# CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act Of 1934

May 2, 2005

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

#### ACURA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**State of New York** (State of Other Jurisdiction of

Incorporation)

1-10113

11-0853640

(Commission File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

# 616 N. North Court, Suite 120 Palatine, Illinois 60067

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

#### (847) 705-7709

(Registrant's telephone number, including are code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17CFR240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On May 2, 2005, Acura Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release disclosing the financial results for its first quarter ended March 31, 2005. A copy of the Company's press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

**Exhibit** 

#### **Number Description**

99.1 Press Release dated May 2, 2005 Announcing Results for First Quarter ended March 31, 2005.

#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

#### ACURA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

By: /s/ Peter A. Clemens

Peter A. Clemens Vice President & Chief Financial Officer

Date: May 2, 2005

## EXHIBIT INDEX

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99.1 Press