ACURA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC Form 8-K June 19, 2007

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

June 19, 2007
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 (Commission File Number)

11-0853640

(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 area 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):

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events

On June 19, 2007 the Registrant issued a press release announcing it had reached agreement with the U.S. Food & Drug Administration for a special protocol assessment of a Phase III clinical trial entitled "Study AP-ADF-105: A Phase 3, Randomized, Double-Blinded, Placebo-Controlled, Multicenter, Repeat-Dose Study of the Safety and Efficacy of OxyADF (oxycodone HCl and niacin) Tablets for the Treatment of Acute, Moderate to Severe Postoperative Pain Following Bunionectomy Surgery in Adult Patients". The press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibit Number Description

99.1 Press Release announcing agreement with U.S. Food & Drug Administration with respect to a Special Protocol Assessment

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 Senior Vice President & Chief Financial Officer

Date: June 19, 2007

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