

ACURA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC  
Form 8-K  
February 27, 2008

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

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**FORM 8-K**

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

**February 27, 2008**  
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

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**ACURA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.**  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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**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):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17CFR 240.14a-12)
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17CFR240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17CFR 240.13e- 4(c))
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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On February 27, 2008, the Registrant announced that its President and Chief Executive Officer, Andrew Reddick, has begun a leave of absence to address health issues and that the Board of Directors of the Registrant elected Richard Markham, a director, as non-executive Chairman of the Board of Directors. A press release announcing the foregoing is being furnished as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**Exhibit  
Number**

**Description**

99.1	Press Release dated February 27, 2008 Announcing Appointment of Mr. Richard Markham as non-executive Chairman and the Leave of Absence of Registrant's Chief Executive Officer.
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**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

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Peter A. Clemens  
Senior Vice President & Chief Financial Officer

Date: February 27, 2008

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