
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

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): September 30, 2014

Amedica Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-33624
(Commission
File Number)

84-1375299
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

1885 West 2100 South
Salt Lake City, UT
(Address of principal executive offices)

84119
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(801) 839-3500**

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On September 30, 2014, Amedica Corporation (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing the departure of Eric K. Olson as President and Chief Executive Officer and a director of the Company and the appointment of B. Sonny Bal, MD, JD, MBA, to serve as the Company’s President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company. A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

(b) Effective September 30, 2014, Mr. Olson resigned from his position as President and Chief Executive Officer and as a member of the board of directors of Amedica Corporation and from all offices with and as a director of its subsidiary US Spine, Inc.

(c) Effective September 30, 2014, the board of directors (the “Board”) of the Company appointed Dr. Bal, who has been a director of the Company since February 2012 and its Chairman of the Board since August 2014, to serve as the Company’s President and Chief Executive Officer. In connection with his appointment as President and Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Bal resigned from his appointments to the Company’s Audit, Compensation and Nominating and Governance Committees. Dr. Bal is Professor & Chief of Adult Reconstruction at the University of Missouri, Columbia, specializing in hip and knee replacement surgery. He also is an Adjunct Professor of Material Sciences at the University of Missouri at Rolla. Dr. Bal is a member of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and the American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons. Dr. Bal received his M.D. degree from Cornell University and an M.B.A. from Northwestern University, and a J.D. from the University of Missouri. Dr. Bal is a licensed attorney and co-founder of the Bal Brenner law firm in North Carolina.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) *Exhibits.*

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release, dated September 30, 2014.

SIGNATURE

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 hereunto duly authorized.

AMEDICA CORPORATION

Date: October 3, 2014

/s/ Kevin Ontiveros

Kevin Ontiveros
Chief Legal Officer



Amedica Corporation Appoints New President and Chief Executive Officer

SALT LAKE CITY, September 30, 2014 — Amedica Corporation (Nasdaq:AMDA), a commercial biomaterial company focused on using its Silicon Nitride technology platform to develop, manufacture and sell a broad range of medical devices, is pleased to announce its Board of Directors has elected B. Sonny Bal, MD, JD, MBA, to serve as its President and Chief Executive Officer effective September 30, 2014. Dr. Bal has served as a member of Amedica's Board of Directors since February 2012, and as its Chairman since August 20, 2014. Dr. Bal succeeds Eric K. Olson as President and Chief Executive Officer of Amedica effective September 30, 2014.

“Dr. Bal brings a truly unique set of skills and leadership abilities to Amedica at this important time in its history,” said Jeff White, a member of Amedica's Board of Directors. “He is a skilled and thought-leading clinician as well as a professor of orthopaedic surgery, a licensed attorney, and a Kellogg MBA. The Company is truly fortunate to benefit from Dr. Bal's unique clinical, business and leadership skills. Dr. Bal's many years of clinical and scientific commitment to ceramics in orthopaedics and spine will make him an effective champion and leader for Amedica.”

Dr. Bal is Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Missouri, Columbia, specializing in joint replacement surgery. His research interests include ceramic materials in orthopaedic surgery, and bioactive glasses. He also serves as Adjunct Professor of Material Sciences at the Missouri Science and Technology University, at Rolla, Missouri. Dr. Bal is a member of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, the American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons, and the Association of Bone and Joint Surgeons. He is a life member of the International Society of Technology in Arthroplasty, and serves on the editorial board of several peer-refereed orthopaedic journals. He has published extensively on the biomedical applications of silicon nitride ceramics, and continues that work, with presentations at scientific forums worldwide.

In addition to guiding Amedica on the commercialization of silicon nitride ceramic, Dr. Bal also leads the company's Adult Reconstructive and Spine Medical Advisory Boards.

Dr. Bal received his MD degree from Cornell University; MBA degree from Kellogg Business School at Northwestern University, and the JD degree from the University of Missouri, with fellowship training in joint replacement surgery from Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard University. He is a licensed attorney who co-founded the BalBrenner law firm in North Carolina. In both the private and academic practice of orthopaedic surgery, he has successfully managed large, multi-million dollar clinical practices for 20 years.

“I am truly honored and excited to leverage my entire skill set in helping the Company explore important new clinical and commercial avenues,” said Dr. Bal. “I look forward to helping Amedica realize the great potential of its silicon nitride platform.”

About Amedica Corporation

Amedica is a company focused on the development and application of medical-grade silicon nitride ceramics. Amedica markets spinal fusion products and is developing a new generation of orthopaedic bearings for hip and knee arthroplasty.

Amedica operates an ISO 13485 certified manufacturing facility and its spine products are FDA cleared, CE marked, and currently marketed in the U.S. and select markets in Europe and South America.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains statements that constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements contained in this press release include the intent, belief or current expectations of Amedica and members of its management team with respect to Amedica's future business operations, as well as the assumptions upon which such statements are based. Forward-looking statements include specifically, but are not limited to, the timing of the closing of the private placement and the amount of gross proceeds and the use of net proceeds from the financing and such statements are subject to risks and uncertainties such as the timing and success of new product introductions, physician acceptance, endorsement, and use of Amedica's products, regulatory matters, competitor activities, changes in and adoption of reimbursement rates, potential product recalls, and effects of global economic conditions. Additional factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contemplated within this press release can also be found in Amedica's Risk Factors disclosure in its Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on March 31, 2014, and in Amedica's other filings with the SEC. Amedica disclaims any obligation to update any forward-looking statements.

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