

RUBIN PAUL D  
Form 4  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
RUBIN PAUL D

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
CRITICAL THERAPEUTICS INC  
[CRTX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
President and CEO

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
C/O CRITICAL THERAPEUTICS, INC., 60 WESTVIEW STREET  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/15/2005

LEXINGTON, MA 02421

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock					9,866	I	Held by Daughter <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock	12/15/2005		S <sup>(2)</sup>	1,000 D \$ 6.7	60,370	D	
Common Stock	12/15/2005		S <sup>(2)</sup>	500 D \$ 6.72	59,870	D	
Common Stock	12/15/2005		S <sup>(2)</sup>	1,900 D \$ 6.73	57,970	D	
	12/15/2005		S <sup>(2)</sup>	700 D	57,270	D	

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Common Stock						\$ 6.74		
Common Stock	12/15/2005	S <sup>(2)</sup>	500	D		\$ 6.75	56,770	D
Common Stock	12/15/2005	S <sup>(2)</sup>	100	D		\$ 6.69	56,670	D
Common Stock	12/15/2005	S <sup>(2)</sup>	300	D		\$ 6.71	56,370	D
Common Stock	12/15/2005	M	2,000	A		\$ 0.38	58,370	D
Common Stock	12/15/2005	G	2,000	D		③	56,370	D

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction 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 (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Date of Acquisition or Disposition (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Purchase Common Stock (Right to Buy)	\$ 0.38	12/15/2005		M	2,000	④	10/19/2012	Common Stock	2,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

RUBIN PAUL D  
C/O CRITICAL THERAPEUTICS, INC.  
60 WESTVIEW STREET  
LEXINGTON, MA 02421

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President and CEO

## Signatures

/s/ Scott B. Townsend,  
Attorney-in-Fact

12/16/2005

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

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

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Represents shares held by the daughter of the reporting person. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares  
(1) except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein. This report should not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of these shares for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

(2) The sales reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on August 9, 2005.

(3) Not applicable.

Of the option to purchase 289,493 shares of Common Stock of Critical Therapeutics, Inc. originally granted on October 9, 2002, 25% of  
(4) the underlying shares vested on July 29, 2003 and the remaining 75% of the remaining shares to become exercisable in 36 equal monthly installments beginning one month thereafter.

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