## 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 1, 2006

**Date of Report** 

(Date of earliest event reported)

# **DURECT CORPORATION**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of

000-31615 (Commission File Number) 94-3297098 (I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

incorporation or organization)

2 Results Way

Cupertino, CA 95014

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

(408) 777-1417

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

 $(Former\ name\ or\ former\ address,\ if\ changed\ since\ last\ report)$ 

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#### Item 8.01 Other Events.

On May 2, 2006, DURECT Corporation, a Delaware corporation (<u>DUREC</u>T), issued a press release announcing the appointment of Peter Langecker as Chief Medical Officer of the Company. A copy of DURECT s press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (c) Exhibits
- 99.1 Press Release of DURECT Corporation dated May 2, 2006

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

### **DURECT Corporation**

Date: May 2, 2006 By: /s/ James E. Brown James E. Brown

President and Chief Executive Officer

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### INDEX TO EXHIBITS

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