

**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): March 15, 2012

ONCOGENEX PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation)

033-80623
(Commission
File Number)

95-4343413
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

1522 217th Place S.E.
Bothell, Washington
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

98021
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (425) 487-9500

N/A
(Former name or former address if changed since last report.)

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:

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

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On March 15, 2012, OncoGenex Pharmaceuticals, Inc. issued a press release titled "OncoGenex Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Announces Proposed Public Offering." A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information in this report, including the exhibit attached hereto, shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), nor shall such information be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press release of OncoGenex Pharmaceuticals, Inc. dated March 15, 2012

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: March 15, 2012

ONCOGENEX PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

/s/ Cameron Lawrence

Cameron Lawrence
Principal Accounting Officer

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OncoGenex Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Announces Proposed Public Offering of Common Stock

BOTHELL, Washington and VANCOUVER, British Columbia, March 15, 2012 — OncoGenex Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (NASDAQ: OGXI) today announced that it commenced a public offering of its common stock. OncoGenex expects to grant the underwriters a 30-day option to purchase up to an additional 15% of the shares of common stock offered in the public offering to cover overallocments, if any. The offering is subject to market conditions and there can be no assurance as to whether or when the offering may be completed, or as to the actual size or terms of the offering.

Leerink Swann LLC and Stifel Nicolaus Weisel are acting as joint book-running managers and Lazard Capital Markets LLC and William Blair & Company, L.L.C. are acting as co-managers.

The offering is being made to purchasers pursuant to an effective shelf registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC. A preliminary prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus describing the terms of the offering will be filed with the SEC. When available, copies of the preliminary prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus may be obtained by contacting Leerink Swann LLC, Attention: Syndicate Department, One Federal Street, 37th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, (800) 808-7525, or Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated, Attention: General Counsel, One Montgomery Street, Suite 3700, San Francisco, California 94104, (415) 364-2500. Electronic copies of the preliminary prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus will also be available on the website of the SEC at <http://www.sec.gov>.

This press release does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy shares of common stock of OncoGenex, nor shall there be any sale of these securities in any state or jurisdiction in which such an offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such state or jurisdiction.

About OncoGenex

OncoGenex is a biopharmaceutical company committed to the development and commercialization of new cancer therapies that address treatment resistance in cancer patients. OncoGenex has a diverse oncology pipeline, with each product candidate having a distinct mechanism of action and representing a unique opportunity for cancer drug development. OncoGenex and Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. (NASDAQ: TEVA) have entered a global collaboration and license agreement to develop and commercialize OncoGenex' lead drug candidate, custirsen. Custirsen is currently in Phase 3 clinical development as a treatment in men with metastatic castrate-resistant prostate cancer. The companies plan to begin Phase 3 development of custirsen in first-line treatment of advanced, unresectable non-small cell lung cancer. OGX-427 is in Phase 2 clinical development; CSP-9222 and OGX-225 are currently in pre-clinical development.

OncoGenex' Forward Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the "safe harbor" provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, including, but not limited to, OncoGenex' intention to conduct a public offering of common stock. All statements other than statements of historical fact are statements that could be deemed forward-looking statements. These statements are based on management's current expectations and beliefs and are subject to a number of risks, uncertainties and assumptions that could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements, including, among others, the ability to manage successfully and complete the public offering, the general economic and/or market conditions and the factors set forth in the Company's filings with the SEC, including the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011 and the preliminary prospectus supplement related to this public offering. The Company undertakes no obligation to update the forward-looking statements contained herein or to reflect events or circumstances occurring after the date hereof, other than as may be required by applicable law.

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