

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

SCHEDULE 14A

**PROXY STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 14(a)
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(AMENDMENT NO.)**

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MEDICINOVA, INC.

(NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

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 Shareholder Meeting to Be Held on June 07, 2018**

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Meeting Information

Meeting Type: Annual Meeting
For holders as of: April 12, 2018
Date: June 07, 2018 **Time:** 2:30 PM PDT
Location: 4125 Executive Square, Suite 150
 La Jolla, CA 92037

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This is not a ballot. You cannot use this notice to vote these shares. This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. You may view the proxy materials online at www.proxyvote.com or easily request a paper copy (see reverse side).

We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

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1. Annual Report 2. Notice & Proxy Statement

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Voting items

The Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR the following:

1. Election of Directors

Nominees

01 Yuichi Iwaki, M.D. Ph.D

The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following proposal(s):

- 2 To ratify the selection of BDO USA, LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018.
- 3 To approve an amendment to the 2013 Equity Incentive Plan (the Plan) to increase the number of shares of Common Stock issuable under the Plan.

NOTE: Such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.



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