

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>CLAUDIUS LLC</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O GALEN MANAGEMENT, L.L.C.</u> <u>680 WASHINGTON BLVD.</u>  (Street) <u>STAMFORD</u> <u>CT</u> <u>06901</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ACURA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC [</u> <u>ACUR ]</u>  3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/21/2014</u>  4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner  Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	02/21/2014		S		272 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$1.95	11,526,126	I	See FN <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock	02/24/2014		S		43,747 <sup>(3)</sup>	D	\$1.9664 <sup>(4)</sup>	11,482,379	I	See FN <sup>(5)</sup>

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>GALEN PARTNERS INTERNATIONAL III L P</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O GALEN MANAGEMENT, L.L.C.</u> <u>680 WASHINGTON BLVD.</u>  (Street) <u>STAMFORD</u> <u>CT</u> <u>06901</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>GALEN EMPLOYEE FUND III LP</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle)

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(Street)		
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person\*

Galen Management, LLC

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GALEN PARTNERS III L P

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**Explanation of Responses:**

1. The shares were sold as follows: 248 by Galen Partners III, L.P. ("Galen III"), 22 by Galen Partners International III, L.P. ("Galen International") and 2 by Galen Employee Fund III, L.P. ("Employee Fund").

2. The shares are held as follows: 10,532,820 by Galen III, 949,920 by Galen International and 43,386 by Employee Fund. Claudius, L.L.C. serves as the sole General Partner of Galen III and Galen International and has sole voting and investment control over the shares held by such funds and may be deemed to beneficially own the shares held by such funds. Galen Management, L.L.C. serves as the sole General Partner of Employee Fund and has sole voting and investment control over the shares held by Employee Fund and may be deemed to beneficially own the shares held by Employee Fund. Each of the Reporting Persons disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares reported herein, except to the extent of its respective pecuniary interest therein.

3. The shares were sold as follows: 39,965 by Galen III, 3,617 by Galen International and 164 by Employee Fund.

4. The shares were sold at prices between \$1.96 and \$1.98. The Reporting Entities will provide upon request to the SEC, the issuer or security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

5. The shares are held as follows: 10,492,855 by Galen III, 946,303 by Galen International and 43,222 by Employee Fund. Claudius, L.L.C. serves as the sole General Partner of Galen III and Galen International and has sole voting and investment control over the shares held by such funds and may be deemed to beneficially own the shares held by such funds. Galen Management, L.L.C. serves as the sole General Partner of Employee Fund and has sole voting and investment control over the shares held by Employee Fund and may be deemed to beneficially own the shares held by Employee Fund. Each of the Reporting Persons disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares reported herein, except to the extent of its respective pecuniary interest therein.

**Remarks:**

<u>/s/ David W. Jahns, Member of Claudius, L.L.C.</u>	<u>02/25/2014</u>
<u>/s/ David W. Jahns, Member of Claudius L.L.C., the General Partner of Galen Partners International III, L.P.</u>	<u>02/25/2014</u>
<u>/s/ David W. Jahns, Member Galen Management, L.L.C., the General Partner of Galen Employee Fund III, L.P.</u>	<u>02/25/2014</u>
<u>/s/ David W. Jahns, Member Claudius, L.L.C., the General Partner of Galen Partners III, L.P.</u>	<u>02/25/2014</u>
** Signature of Reporting Person	Date

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

\* 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).

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