

KING PHARMACEUTICALS INC

Form 8-K

December 31, 2002

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**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): December 31, 2002

**King Pharmaceuticals, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Tennessee**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**0 24425**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**54-1684963**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification Number)

**501 Fifth Street, Bristol, Tennessee**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**37620**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **423-989-8000**

Not Applicable  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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PRESS RELEASE

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**Item 5. Other Events**

On December 31, 2002, we issued a press release announcing the company's acquisition of the rights to three branded prescription pharmaceutical products from Aventis.

**Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits**

(a) Financial Statements on Businesses Acquired.

None.

(b) Pro Forma Financial Information.

None.

(c) Exhibits.

The following exhibits are filed pursuant to Item 601 of Regulation S-K:

**Exhibits:**

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description of Exhibit</b>
99.1	Press Release of King Pharmaceuticals, Inc. dated December 31, 2002.

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**SIGNATURE**

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.

Date: December 31, 2002

KING PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

By: /s/ James R. Lattanzi  
James R. Lattanzi  
Chief Financial Officer

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