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December 21, 2004

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 20, 2004

ALTEON INC.  
(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

DELAWARE (STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION OF INCORPORATION)	001-16043 (COMMISSION FILE NUMBER)	13-3304550 (IRS EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NO.)
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6 CAMPUS DRIVE  
PARSIPPANY, NEW JERSEY 07054  
(ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES AND ZIP CODE)

REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE: (201) 934-5000

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS.

On December 20, 2004, Alteon Inc. issued a press release including updates on its various clinical trial programs.

The press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

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

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undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: December 21, 2004

ALTEON INC.

By: /s/ ELIZABETH A. O'DELL

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Elizabeth A. O'Dell  
Vice President, Finance

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number -----	Description -----
99.1	Press Release dated December 20, 2004.