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): January 4, 2018

PACIRA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	**001-35060**	**51-0619477**
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

5 Sylvan Way, Suite 300
Parsippany, New Jersey 07054
(Address and Zip Code of Principal Executive Offices)

(973) 254-3560
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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:

o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company o

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. o

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On January 4, 2018, Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc. issued a press release announcing its unaudited EXPAREL® and total revenue estimates for the fourth quarter and full-year ended December 31, 2017. The full text of the press release issued in connection with the announcement is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The information in this Item 2.02 of Form 8-K and Exhibit 99.1 attached hereto shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) The following exhibits are included in this report:

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release dated January 4, 2018

SIGNATURE

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 hereunto duly authorized.

PACIRA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.
(REGISTRANT)

Dated: January 4, 2018

By: **/s/ KRISTEN WILLIAMS**

Kristen Williams

Chief Administrative Officer and Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

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Exhibit 99.1

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NEWS RELEASE

Pacira Pharmaceuticals Reports Preliminary 2017 Revenues of $286.6 Million

-- EXPAREL sales of $282.9 million driven by Phase 4 data, education and strategic partnerships --

PARSIPPANY, N.J., January 4, 2018 — Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (NASDAQ:PCRX) today reported preliminary unaudited total revenues and EXPAREL® (bupivacaine liposome injectable suspension) net product sales for the fourth quarter and full-year 2017.

“2017 was an exciting year marked by solid revenue growth and multiple major milestones that support our mission of improving patient care with EXPAREL, our opioid-free alternative for prolonged postsurgical pain control,” said Dave Stack, chairman and chief executive officer of Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc. “Our Phase 4 PILLAR study unequivocally demonstrated that EXPAREL is significantly better than bupivacaine at reducing or eliminating opioids while successfully managing postsurgical pain. Our regulatory activities to expand the EXPAREL label to include nerve block are advancing on track. We’re also continuing to promote education and awareness around opioid-sparing strategies while building a robust network of partners who share in our commitment to reducing the role of the operating room as the gateway to opioid use and abuse.”

Preliminary 2017 Revenues:

- Net EXPAREL sales of $78.7 million for the fourth quarter of 2017 and $282.9 million for the full-year, compared to $71.4 million and $265.8 million for the prior year, respectively. Full year sales were impacted by two fewer selling days in 2017 compared to 2016.
- Total revenues of $79.1 million for the fourth quarter of 2017 and $286.6 million for the full-year, compared to $72.9 million and $276.4 million for the prior year, respectively.

“Our strategic partnership with Johnson & Johnson to co-promote EXPAREL across a broad range of orthopedic surgical settings continues to gain traction and helped accelerate EXPAREL daily growth to 10.0 percent for the fourth quarter and 13.5 percent for the month of December. We are highly encouraged with the success of this partnership and we look forward to the continued growth trajectory for EXPAREL in 2018 and beyond,” continued Mr. Stack.

This financial information is unaudited and subject to adjustment. Pacira expects to report its complete financial results for 2017, along with financial guidance for 2018, in its fourth quarter and year-end conference call scheduled for the first quarter of 2018.

About Pacira

Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (NASDAQ:PCRX) is a specialty pharmaceutical company dedicated to advancing and improving postsurgical outcomes for acute care practitioners and their patients. The company’s flagship product, EXPAREL® (bupivacaine liposome injectable suspension), is redefining pain management after surgery as an opioid-free alternative indicated for single-dose infiltration into the surgical site to produce postsurgical analgesia. EXPAREL utilizes DepoFoam®, a unique and proprietary product delivery technology that encapsulates drugs without altering their molecular structure, and

releases them over a desired period of time. To learn more about Pacira, including the corporate mission to reduce overreliance on opioids, visit www.pacira.com.

About EXPAREL®

EXPAREL (bupivacaine liposome injectable suspension) is currently indicated for single-dose infiltration into the surgical site to produce postsurgical analgesia. The product combines bupivacaine with DepoFoam®, a proven product delivery technology that delivers medication over a desired time period. EXPAREL represents the first and only multivesicular liposome local anesthetic that can be utilized in the peri- or postsurgical setting. By utilizing the DepoFoam platform, a single dose of EXPAREL delivers bupivacaine over time, providing significant reductions in cumulative pain score with up to a 45 percent decrease in opioid consumption; the clinical benefit of the opioid reduction was not demonstrated. Additional information is available at www.EXPAREL.com.

Important Safety Information

EXPAREL is contraindicated in obstetrical paracervical block anesthesia. In clinical trials, the most common adverse reactions (incidence ≥10%) following EXPAREL administration were nausea, constipation, and vomiting. EXPAREL is not recommended to be used in the following patient population: patients <18 years old and/or pregnant patients. Because amide-type local anesthetics, such as bupivacaine, are metabolized by the liver, EXPAREL should be used cautiously in patients with hepatic disease. Patients with severe hepatic disease, because of their inability to metabolize local anesthetics normally, are at a greater risk of developing toxic plasma concentrations. EXPAREL is not recommended for the following types or routes of administration: epidural, intrathecal, regional nerve blocks, or intravascular or intra-articular use. Non-bupivacaine-based local anesthetics, including lidocaine, may cause an immediate release of bupivacaine from EXPAREL if administered together locally. The administration of EXPAREL may follow the administration of lidocaine after a delay of 20 minutes or more. Formulations of bupivacaine other than EXPAREL should not be administered within 96 hours following administration of EXPAREL. Central Nervous System (CNS) Reactions: There have been reports of adverse neurologic reactions with the use of local anesthetics. These include persistent anesthesia and paresthesias. CNS reactions are characterized by excitation and/or depression. Cardiovascular System Reactions: Toxic blood concentrations depress cardiac conductivity and excitability which may lead to dysrhythmias sometimes leading to death. Allergic Reactions: Allergic-type reactions (eg, anaphylaxis and angioedema) are rare and may occur as a result of hypersensitivity to the local anesthetic or to other formulation ingredients. Chondrolysis: There have been reports of chondrolysis (mostly in the shoulder joint) following intra-articular infusion of local anesthetics, which is an unapproved use.

Forward Looking Statements

Any statements in this press release about the company's future expectations, plans, outlook and prospects, and other statements containing the words "believes," "anticipates," "plans," "estimates," "expects," "intends," "may" and similar expressions, constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Actual results may differ materially from those indicated by such forward-looking statements as a result of various important factors, including risks relating to: the success of the company's sales and manufacturing efforts in support of the commercialization of EXPAREL; the rate and degree of market acceptance of EXPAREL and the company's other products; the size and growth of the potential markets for EXPAREL and the company's ability to serve those markets; the company's plans to expand the use of EXPAREL to additional indications and opportunities, and the timing and success of any related clinical trials; the related timing and success of United States Food and Drug Administration supplemental New Drug Applications; the outcome of the U.S. Department of Justice inquiry; the company's plans to evaluate, develop and pursue

additional DepoFoam-based product candidates; clinical trials in support of an existing or potential DepoFoam-based product; the company's commercialization and marketing capabilities; the company's and Patheon UK Limited's ability to successfully and timely construct dedicated EXPAREL manufacturing suites; and other factors discussed in the "Risk Factors" of the company's most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016 and in other filings that the company periodically makes with the SEC. In addition, the forward-looking statements included in this press release represent the company's views as of the date of this press release. Important factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those indicated or implied by forward-looking statements, and as such the company anticipates that subsequent events and developments will cause its views to change. However, while the company may elect to update these forward-looking statements at some point in the future, it specifically disclaims any obligation to do so. These forward-looking statements should not be relied upon as representing the company's views as of any date subsequent to the date of this press release.

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