

CANNON JAMES ANTHONY  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 CANNON JAMES ANTHONY

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 ZIOPHARM ONCOLOGY INC  
 [ZIOP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

BBDO, 1285 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS

05/13/2009

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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NEW YORK, NY 10019

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock, \$.001 par value					15,000	D	

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

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**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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Director Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.31					(1)	12/22/2014	Common Stock, \$.001 par value	15,029
Director Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.01					04/26/2006	04/26/2016	Common Stock	15,000
Director Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.49					(2)	12/13/2016	Common Stock	15,000
Director Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.85					(3)	06/18/2017	Common Stock	15,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 2.73					(4)	12/12/2017	Common Stock	20,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 0.7	05/13/2009		A	15,000	(5)	05/13/2019	Common Stock	15,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

CANNON JAMES ANTHONY  
BBDO  
1285 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS  
NEW YORK, NY 10019

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## Signatures

/s/ James A.  
Cannon

05/14/2009

\*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- (1) 7,515 shares vest on 12/22/05 and 7,514 shares vest on 12/22/06.
- (2) 5,000 shares vest on each of 12/13/07, 12/13/08 and 12/13/09.
- (3) 5,000 shares vest on each of 6/18/08, 6/18/09 and 6/18/10.
- (4) 6,667 shares vest on each of 12/12/08 and 12/12/09; 6,666 shares vest on 12/12/10.
- (5) 5,000 shares vest on each of 12/31/09, 6/30/2010 and 12/31/2010.

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