

ACELRX PHARMACEUTICALS INC  
Form 8-K  
August 03, 2012

**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): August 1, 2012**

**ACELRX PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**DELAWARE**  
(State of  
incorporation)

**001-35068**  
(Commission  
File No.)

**41-2193603**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

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351 Galveston Drive

Redwood City, CA 94063

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (650) 216-3500

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):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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 August 1, 2012, AcelRx Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the Company ) issued a press release announcing that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office had recently issued the Company Patent Number 8,226,978 entitled Small Volume Oral Transmucosal Dosage Forms Containing Sufentanil for Treatment of Pain, and Patent Number 8,231,900 entitled Small-Volume Oral Transmucosal Dosage Forms. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

**ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.**

**(d) Exhibits.**

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press Release dated August 1, 2012.

**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 undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: August 3, 2012

ACELRX PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

By: **/s/ JAMES H. WELCH**  
**James H. Welch**  
**Chief Financial Officer**

**INDEX TO EXHIBITS**

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