GERON CORPORATION Form 8-K March 11, 2002

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

# FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 6, 2002

# **GERON CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

230 Constitution Drive Menlo Park, California (Address of principal executive offices) 0-20859 (Commission File Number) **75-2287752** (IRS Employer Identification Number)

> 94025 (Zip Code)

(650) 473-7700

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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#### Item 5. Other Events.

On March 6, 2002, Geron Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the Company ), announced that it has acquired patents related to oligonucleotides containing phosphoramidate backbone linkages from Lynx Therapeutics, Inc.

The Company s press release announcing the acquisition is filed as an exhibit to this Current Report on Form 8-K. The summary description of the event is qualified in its entirety by reference to the document filed as an exhibit hereto.

### Item 7. Exhibits.

Exhibits

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Press Release dated March 6, 2002.

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#### 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.

### GERON CORPORATION

Date: March 8, 2002

By: /s/ William D. Stempel

Name: William D. Stempel Title: Vice President and General Counsel 4

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