# 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): September 26, 2011

## PACIRA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

001-35060

**51-0619477** (IRS Employer Identification No.)

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

5 Sylvan Way, Suite 125, Parsippany, New Jersey 07054

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(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:

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# Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On September 26, 2011, Dr. William Lambert, Sr. VP of Project and Alliance Management, announced his resignation from Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the "Company"). His last day with the Company will be September 30, 2011. The Company thanks Dr. Lambert for his years of service to the Company. His duties and responsibilities will be absorbed by existing employees of the Company.

### 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.

Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Date: September 30, 2011

By: /s/ James Scibetta James Scibetta Chief Financial Officer

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