

CRITICAL THERAPEUTICS INC  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Hilt Dana Charles (Last) (First) (Middle)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 04/26/2006	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CRITICAL THERAPEUTICS INC [CRTX]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)  <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) SVP of Clinical Develop. & CMO	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
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C/O CRITICAL THERAPEUTICS, INC., 60 WESTVIEW STREET  
 (Street)

LEXINGTON, MA 02421  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable    Expiration Date	Title    Amount or Number of			

			Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Option to Purchase Common Stock (Right to Buy)	Â (1)	04/25/2016	Common Stock	100,000	\$ 4.93	D Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hilt Dana Charles C/O CRITICAL THERAPEUTICS, INC. 60 WESTVIEW STREET LEXINGTON, MA 02421	Â	Â	Â SVP of Clinical Develop. & CMO	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Dana C. Hilt                      04/27/2006  
 \_\_Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting Person

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) This option vests as to 25% of the shares subject thereto on April 26, 2007, and vests as to the remaining shares in 36 approximately equal monthly installments beginning May 26, 2007 and ending April 26, 2010.

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