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U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a)
of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(f)
of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person: Wesson Bruce F., 60 Whittredge Road, Summit, New Jersey 07901
2. Date of Event Requiring Statement: 3-10-98
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary): ###-##-####
4. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol: Halsey Drug Co., Inc (HDG)
5. Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer: X Director, 10% Owner, X Officer, X Other
6. If Amendment, Date of Original: (Month/Day/Year)
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line): X Form filed by One Reporting Person, ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
General Partner of Galen Partners III, L.P. which together with affiliated entities owns convertible debentures exercisable for approximately fifty percent (50%) of the common stock of Halsey Drug Co., Inc.

TABLE 1 -- 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)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.
(Print or Type Responses)

(Over)
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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. Conver- sion or Exercise Price of Deri- vative Security	5. Owner- ship Form of Deriv- ative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)	
	Date Exercis- able	Expira- tion Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		
Stock Option	*	*	Common Stock	10,000	\$3.125	D

Explanation of Responses:

*Date of grant of stock option March 10, 1998; Date Exercisable and Expiration Date to be determined.

**Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

/s/ BRUCE F. WESSON	3/18/1998
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**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Note. File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed.
If space provided is insufficient, See Instruction 6 for procedure.