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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 11, 2011

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**Medical Properties Trust, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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**Maryland**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-32559**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**20-0191742**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification Number)

**1000 Urban Center Drive, Suite 501, Birmingham, AL 35242**  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

**(205) 969-3755**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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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.**

(b) On March 11, 2011, Virginia A. Clarke, a member of the Board of Directors of Medical Properties Trust, Inc. (the “Company”), notified the Company that, in order to devote more time to her other business interests, she is regrettably resigning from the Board of Directors. Ms. Clarke served as a director since February 2005 and was also a member of the Company’s Ethics, Nominating and Governance Committee and Compensation Committee. The Company thanks Ms. Clarke for her years of service to the Company and wishes her the best in her future endeavors.

In connection with Ms. Clarke’s resignation, the Board of Directors has determined to reduce the size of the Board of Directors to seven members.

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**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunder duly authorized.

MEDICAL PROPERTIES TRUST, INC.

By: /s/ R. Steven Hamner

Name: **R. Steven Hamner**

Title: **Executive Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer (Principal Financial and  
Accounting Officer)**

Date: March 16, 2011