

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 6-K**

**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER  
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 or 15d-16 OF  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Report on Form 6-K dated July 16, 2002**

**Novartis AG**  
(Name of Registrant)

Lichtstrasse 35  
4056 Basel  
Switzerland

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of  
Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this form  
is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes  No

Enclosure:    Reminder - Invitation for Telephone Conference, First Half 2002 Sales & Results.



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## REMINDER

### - INVITATION FOR TELEPHONE CONFERENCE -

## First Half 2002 Sales & Results

Dear Investor

We are pleased to invite you to our First Half Sales & Results 2002 conference call. Please see below the following dial-in numbers:

Date: Monday, July 22, 2002

Time: 06.00 p.m. Switzerland

05.00 p.m. UK

12.00 p.m. New York

Advisable: dial-in 10 minutes before

Phone numbers: +41 91 610 4111 or toll-free +800 2467 8700 Europe and ROW  
+1 800 860 2442 US

You may access the conference call as a live audio webcast on the Internet on July 22: <http://www.novartis.com/investors> (under upcoming event). This information is now available for tests and for the submission of questions in advance.

Additional financial information will be available on Monday, July 22, on the Internet <http://www.novartis.com/investors>

### Playback for 48 hours

Date: Monday, July 22, 2002

Time: 07.00 p.m. Switzerland

06.00 p.m. UK

01.00 p.m. New York

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+1 877 344 7529 US

Code: 335 (followed by the # sign)

## 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, thereunto duly authorized.

**Novartis AG**

Date: July 16, 2002

By: /s/ MALCOLM B. CHEETHAM

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