# 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): December 16, 2019

# **INCYTE CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) **001-12400** (Commission File Number) 94-3136539 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1801 Augustine Cut-Off Wilmington, DE (Address of principal executive offices)

**19803** (Zip Code)

(302) 498-6700

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligations of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

□ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

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))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$.001 par value per share	INCY	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§ 230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b–2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§ 240.12b–2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company  $\Box$ 

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.  $\Box$ 

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

#### Election of Directors

Effective December 16, 2019, the Board of Directors of Incyte Corporation (the "Company") increased the number of authorized members of the Board of Directors of the Company to nine and elected Edmund P. Harrigan, M.D., a member of the Board of Directors of the Company.

Dr. Harrigan, age 66, served as Senior Vice President of Worldwide Safety and Regulatory for Pfizer Inc. from 2012 until his retirement in 2015. Dr. Harrigan's previous executive leadership roles at Pfizer included serving as Senior Vice President, Head of Worldwide Business Development, Senior Vice President, Head of Worldwide Regulatory Affairs and Quality Assurance, and Vice President, Head of Neuroscience and Ophthalmology. Previously, Dr. Harrigan has served in senior leadership positions at Karuna Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Sepracor Inc. and Neurogen Corporation. Prior to entering the pharmaceutical industry in 1990, Dr. Harrigan was a practicing neurologist for seven years. Dr. Harrigan also currently serves on the board of directors of ACADIA Pharmaceuticals Inc., Karuna Therapeutics, Inc., and PhaseBio Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

There is no arrangement or understanding between Dr. Harrigan and any other person pursuant to which he was selected as a director of the Company, and there is no family relationship between Dr. Harrigan and any of the Company's other directors or executive officers. The Company is not aware of any transaction involving Dr. Harrigan requiring disclosure under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

As a non-employee member of the Board of Directors of the Company, Dr. Harrigan will be entitled to receipt of the same cash and equity compensation paid by the Company to each of its non-employee directors, as described in the Company's proxy statement for its 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders filed on March 21, 2019.

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### SIGNATURE

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.

Dated: December 19, 2019

#### INCYTE CORPORATION

By:/s/ Maria E. Pasquale

Maria E. Pasquale Executive Vice President and General Counsel