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SCHEDULE 13G (Rule 13d-102)

UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 (AMENDMENT NO. 2)*

Vivus,	Inc.
(Name of	Issuer)
Common	Stock
(Title of Class	of Securities)

92	28551100	
	SIP Number)	,

The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be filed for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

CUS		28551	100	SCHEDULE 13G					
	CUSIP No. 928551100								
1		Name of Reporting Person S.S. or I.R.S. Identification No. of Above Person							
	Trustees of General Electric Pension Trust I.R.S. #14-6015763								
2	Check	Check the Appropriate Box If a Member of a Group* a. _ b. _							
3	SEC U	SEC Use Only							
4	Citizenship or Place of Organization								
	State	State of New York							
Sha Benefi Owne Ea Repo Per	umber of	5	Sole Voting Power						
	Shares	ares ficially ed By Each porting erson		319,900					
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	With		7	Sole Dispositive Power					
				319,900					
			8	Shared Dispositive Power					
				0					
9	Aggre	gate	Amount	Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Per	rson				

10 Check Box If the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares* |_|
11 Percent of Class Represented By Amount in Row (9)
2.0%
12 Type of Reporting Person*
EP
*SEE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE FILLING OUT!

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Item 1(a) Name of Issuer

Vivus, Inc.

Item 1(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Office

545 Middlefield Road, Suite 200 Menlo Park, California 94025

Item 2(a) Name of Person Filing

Trustees of General Electric Pension Trust ("GEPT")

(See Schedule 1)

Item 2(b) Address of Principal Business Office

3003 Summer Street Stamford, Connecticut 06904

Item 2(c) Citizenship

New York State

Item 2(d) Title of Class of Securities

Common Stock

Item 2(e) CUSIP Number

928551100

- Item 3 If this statement is filed pursuant to Rules 13d- 1(b) or 13d-2(b), check whether the person filing is a:
 - (a) [] Broker or Dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act
 - (b) [] Bank as defined in Section 3(a) of the Act
 - (c) [] Insurance Company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Act
 - (d) [] Investment Company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act

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- (e) [] Investment Adviser registered under Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940
- (f) [X] Employee Benefit Plan, Pension Fund which is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 or Endowment Fund; see ss.240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F)
- (g) [] Parent Holding Company, in accordance with ss.240.13d-1(b)(ii)(G) (Note: See Item 7)
- (h) [] Group, in accordance with ss.240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(H)

Item 4 Ownership

- (a) Amount Beneficially Owned: As of December 31, 1996, GEPT is deemed to be the beneficial owner of 319,000 shares of Common Stock.
- (b) Such 319,000 shares of Common Stock represent approximately 2.0% of the outstanding Common Stock.
- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
 - (i) sole power to vote or direct the vote: 319,000
 - (ii) shared power to vote or direct the vote:
 - 0 (iii) sole power to dispose or direct the disposition of: 319,000
 - (iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 0
- Item 5 Ownership of Five Percent of Less of a Class

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following [X].

Item 6 Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person

Not applicable

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Item 7 Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company

Not applicable

Item 8 Identification and Classification of Members of the Group

Not applicable

Item 9 Notice of Dissolution of Group

Not applicable

Item 10 Certification

By signing below, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purpose or effect.

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

February 14, 1997

TRUSTEES OF GENERAL ELECTRIC PENSION TRUST

By: /s/ Alan M. Lewis Alan M. Lewis Trustee SCHEDULE I

TRUSTEES OF GENERAL ELECTRIC PENSION TRUST

3003 Summer Street, P.O. Box 7900 Stamford, Connecticut 06904

The names of the Trustees of General Electric Pension Trust are as follows:

EUGENE K. BOLTON

MICHAEL J. COSGROVE

RALPH R. LAYMAN

ALAN M. LEWIS

ROBERT A. MACDOUGALL

JOHN H. MYERS

DONALD W. TOREY