

ATHERSYS, INC / NEW

Form 4

June 20, 2013

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Harrington John J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3201 CARNEGIE AVENUE

(Street)

CLEVELAND, OH 44115

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol

ATHERSYS, INC / NEW [ATHX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)

06/18/2013

4. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

Chief Scientific Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	06/18/2013		A	570,551 <sup>(2)</sup>	A \$ 0 667,195	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount Number Shares
Employee stock option (right to purchase)	\$ 1.71	06/18/2013		A	100,000	(3) 06/18/2023	Common Stock 100,00

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Harrington John J 3201 CARNEGIE AVENUE CLEVELAND, OH 44115	X Chief Scientific Officer

## Signatures

/s/ Laura K. Campbell, as attorney-in-fact for John Harrington 06/20/2013

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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

In 2005, in connection with a restructuring of internal programs and to retain and motivate executives, Athersys entered into incentive agreements that provided the executives financial participation in the event of certain merger or acquisition or asset sale transactions. The agreements were established prior to the common stock being publicly traded, had precluded the granting of routine equity awards to

(1) officers, and provided a bonus based on a fixed percentage of a transaction. In April 2013, the Board approved arrangements whereby the officers agreed to terminate their incentive agreements in return for one-time grants of restricted stock units for their past service and performance, and for the ability to receive routine annual grants of equity-based awards to better align management incentives with corporate objectives. In June 2013, the RSUs were granted to the officers in exchange for the termination of their incentive agreements.

Award of restricted stock units related to the termination of 2005 incentive agreements, each of which represents a contingent right to

(2) receive one share of Athersys, Inc. common stock per unit after vesting. The restricted stock units vest ratably on a quarterly basis over a three-year period.

(3) Award of a routine, annual stock-based award. The option vests ratably on a quarterly basis over a four-year period.

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