

ATHERSYS, INC / NEW  
Form 8-K  
March 27, 2012

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, DC 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): March 27, 2012**

**Athersys, Inc.**

**(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)**

**Delaware**  
**(State or Other Jurisdiction**  
  
**of Incorporation)**

**001-33876**  
**(Commission**  
  
**File Number)**

**20-4864095**  
**(I.R.S. Employer**  
  
**Identification No.)**

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**3201 Carnegie Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**44115-2634**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (216) 431-9900**

**(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 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 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On March 27, 2012, Athersys, Inc. issued a press release announcing financial results for its fourth quarter ended December 31, 2011. A copy of this press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

The information contained in Item 2.02 of this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1 attached hereto, is being furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission and shall not be deemed to be filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section. Furthermore, the information contained in Item 2.02 of this Current Report on Form 8-K shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Exhibit Description
99.1	Press Release dated March 27, 2012

**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 hereunto duly authorized.

Date: March 27, 2012

ATHERSYS, INC.

By: /s/ Laura K. Campbell  
Name: Laura K. Campbell  
Title: Vice President of Finance

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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