

Harrington John J
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ATHERSYS, INC / NEW [ATHX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

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

3201 CARNEGIE AVENUE

06/14/2018

Exec Vice Pres and CSO

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

CLEVELAND, OH 44115-2634

Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount (A) or (D) Price | | |
| Common Stock | 06/14/2018 | | S | | 7,500 (1) \$ 2.3058 (2) 612,503 | D | |
| Common Stock | 06/15/2018 | | F | | 7,683 (3) \$ 2.32 604,820 | D | |
| Common Stock | 06/15/2018 | | S | | 7,500 (1) \$ 2.2959 (4) 597,320 | D | |
| Common Stock | 06/18/2018 | | A | | 94,500 (5) \$ 0 691,820 (6) | D | |

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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)

| 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 of Shares |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to purchase) | \$ 2.31 | 06/18/2018 | | A | 225,000 | <u>(7)</u> 06/18/2028 | Common Stock 225,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Harrington John J 3201 CARNEGIE AVENUE CLEVELAND, OH 44115-2634 | X | | Exec Vice Pres and CSO | |

Signatures

/s/ Laura K. Campbell, as attorney-in-fact for John J. Harrington

06/18/2018

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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(1) Shares sold pursuant to a predefined Rule 10b5-1 trading plan for tax and planning purposes.

The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$2.21

(2) to \$2.37, inclusive, in accordance with a previously established Rule 10b5-1 predefined trading plan enacted for tax and planning purposes.

(3) Shares withheld from the quarterly vesting of annual restricted stock unit awards related to the minimum tax withholding obligation.

The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$2.265

(4) to \$2.32, inclusive, in accordance with a previously established Rule 10b5-1 predefined trading plan enacted for tax and planning purposes.

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- (5) Award of annual restricted stock units, each of which represents a contingent right to receive one share of Athersys, Inc. common stock after vesting. The restricted stock units vest ratably on a quarterly basis over a three-year period.
- (6) Securities beneficially owned are comprised of: (1) 397,500 shares of common stock owned and (2) unvested restricted stock units aggregating 294,320 related to annual awards, which vest quarterly over a three or four-year period from grant date.
- (7) Award of an annual stock option. The option vests ratably on a quarterly basis over a three-year period.

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