# 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): July 20, 2006

AtriCure, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction

000-51470 (Commission File Number) 34-1940305 (IRS Employer

of incorporation)

Identification No.)

6033 Schumacher Park Drive

West Chester, OH (Address of principal executive offices)

45069 (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (513) 755-4100

Not Applicable

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

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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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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#### Item 8.01. Other Events.

On July 20, 2006, we issued a press release announcing that we have received FDA 510(k) clearance for our Isolator Transpolar Pen System for pacing, sensing, stimulating, and recording during the evaluation of cardiac arrythmias in addition to its currently FDA-cleared use for the ablation of cardiac tissues. We also announced the release of our new Isolator Transpolar open clamp.

A copy of the press release is being filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

### No. Description

99.1 Press Release of AtriCure, Inc. dated as of July 20, 2006.

#### **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.

ATRICURE, INC.

By: /s/ Thomas J. Etergino
Thomas J. Etergino
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: July 20, 2006

## EXHIBIT LIST

No.

**Description**Press Release of AtriCure, Inc. dated as of July 20, 2006. 99.1