

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)
3201 CARNEGIE AVENUE
(Street)

CLEVELAND, OH 44115-2634

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/15/2017

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)
Exec Vice Pres and CSO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | Code | V | Amount (A) or (D) Price | | |
| Common Stock | 12/15/2017 | | S | | 7,500 (1) | D | |
| | | | | | \$ 1.6802 (2) | | 658,474 |
| Common Stock | 12/18/2017 | | F | | 8,442 (3) | D | |
| | | | | | \$ 1.67 | | 650,032 |
| Common Stock | 12/18/2017 | | S | | 7,500 (1) | D | |
| | | | | | \$ 1.7705 (4) | | 642,532 (5) |

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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
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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

12/19/2017

__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 \$1.665 to \$1.69, 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 \$1.710 to \$1.815, inclusive, in accordance with a previously established Rule 10b5-1 predefined trading plan enacted for tax and planning purposes.

(5) Securities beneficially owned are comprised of: (1) 392,092 shares of common stock owned and (2) unvested restricted stock units aggregating 250,440 related to annual awards, which vest quarterly over a four-year period from grant date.

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