

ATHERSYS, INC / NEW  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
Lehmann William JR

(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)  
06/17/2016

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)  
President and COO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	06/17/2016		F		15,703 (1)	D	
Common Stock	06/20/2016		A		154,800 (2)	A	
Common Stock	06/20/2016		S		13,000 (3)	D	
					\$ 2.1837 (4)		
Common Stock	06/21/2016		S		12,000 (3)	D	
					\$ 2.1622 (5)		
					408,817 (6)		

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 Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to purchase)	\$ 2.19	06/20/2016		A	361,200	<u>(7)</u>	06/20/2026	Common Stock	361,200

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Lehmann William JR 3201 CARNEGIE AVENUE CLEVELAND, OH 44115-2634			President and COO	

## Signatures

/s/ Laura K. Campbell, as attorney-in-fact for William O. Lehmann

06/21/2016

\*\*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).
- (1) Shares withheld from the quarterly vesting of a June 2013 restricted stock unit award related to the minimum tax withholding obligation.
- (2) 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 four-year period.
- (3) Shares sold pursuant to a predefined Rule 10b5-1 trading plan for tax and planning purposes related to the quarterly vesting of a June 2013 restricted stock unit award.
- (4) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$2.16 to \$2.20, inclusive, in accordance with a previously established Rule 10b5-1 predefined trading plan enacted solely related to the tax obligation.

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- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$2.135
- (5) to \$2.20, inclusive, in accordance with a previously established Rule 10b5-1 predefined trading plan enacted solely related to the tax obligation.
  - (6) Securities beneficially owned are comprised of: (1) 187,849 shares of common stock owned and (2) unvested restricted stock units aggregating 220,968 related to annual awards, which vest quarterly over a four-year period from grant date.
  - (7) Award of an annual stock option. The option vests ratably on a quarterly basis over a four-year period.

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