

ATHERSYS, INC / NEW  
Form 8-K  
September 12, 2016

**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): September 12, 2016**

**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.)**

**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 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On September 12, 2016, Athersys, Inc. ( Athersys ) announced the authorization the commencement by its collaborator, HEALIOS K.K., of a clinical trial in Japan evaluating the safety and efficacy of administration of MultiStem® cell therapy, Athersys novel stem cell therapy, to treat patients who have suffered an ischemic stroke. A copy of the press release issued by Athersys announcing the clinical trial is filed as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Exhibit Description
99.1	Press Release dated September 12, 2016

**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: September 12, 2016

ATHERSYS, INC.

By: /s/ Laura K. Campbell

Name: Laura K. Campbell

Title: Senior Vice President of Finance

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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99.1	Press Release dated September 12, 2016