

Harrington John J  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(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)  
03/14/2019

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount (A) or (D) Price   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/14/2019                           |  | S                              |   | 7,500 (1) D 1.565 (2) 636,218   | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/15/2019                           |  | S                              |   | 7,500 (1) D \$ 1.54 628,718   | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/17/2019                           |  | F                              |   | 9,052 (3) D \$ 1.51 619,666 (4)   | D  |                                   |

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 Beneficially (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
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## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

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

03/18/2019

\*\*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 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 \$1.53 to \$1.60, 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.

(4) Securities beneficially owned are comprised of: (1) 414,803 shares of common stock owned and (2) unvested restricted stock units aggregating 204,863 related to annual awards, which vest quarterly over a three or four-year period from grant date.

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