

AtriCure, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
December 16, 2011

**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): December 16, 2011**

**ATRICURE, INC.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)**

**Delaware**  
**(State or other jurisdiction**  
  
**of incorporation)**

**000-51470**  
**(Commission**  
  
**File Number)**

**34-1940305**  
**(IRS Employer**  
  
**Identification No.)**

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6217 Centre Park Drive

West Chester, OH  
(Address of principal executive offices)

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

45069  
(Zip Code)

Not Applicable

(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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- .. 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 December 16, 2011, AtriCure, Inc. issued a press release announcing that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved AtriCure's Synergy Ablation System for the treatment of atrial fibrillation. A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

| <b>No.</b> | <b>Description</b>                    |
|------------|---------------------------------------|
| 99.1       | Press Release dated December 16, 2011 |

**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.

Dated: December 16, 2011

By: /s/ Julie A. Piton  
Julie A. Piton  
Vice President, Finance and Administration and

Chief Financial Officer