

ATHERSYS, INC / NEW  
Form 8-K  
September 28, 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 28, 2016**

**Athersys, Inc.**

**(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)**

**Delaware**  
**(State or Other Jurisdiction**  
  
**of Incorporation)**

**3201 Carnegie Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio**

**001-33876**  
**(Commission**  
  
**File Number)**

**20-4864095**  
**(I.R.S. Employer**  
  
**Identification No.)**

**44115-2634**

**(Address of Principal Executive Offices)**

**(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 28, 2016, Athersys, Inc. ( Athersys ) announced the agreement from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration under a Special Protocol Assessment (SPA) for the design and planned analysis of a Phase 3 clinical trial of Athersys' novel MultiStem<sup>®</sup> cell therapy product for the treatment of ischemic stroke. A copy of the press release issued by Athersys announcing the SPA agreement 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 28, 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 28, 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 28, 2016