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UNITED STATES 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): July 28, 2010

Athersys, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 001-33876 20-4864095

(State or other Jurisdiction of (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

Incorporation)

3201 Carnegie Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 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:

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- o 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 July 28, 2010, the Company issued a press release announcing the results from its phase I clinical trial of MultiStem[®], its allogeneic stem cell therapy product, administered to individuals following acute myocardial infarction, more commonly referred to as a heart attack. A copy of the press release is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Exhibit Description

99.1 Athersys, Inc. Press Release, dated July 28, 2010

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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: July 28, 2010

ATHERSYS, INC.

By: /s/ Laura K. Campbell Name: Laura K. Campbell Title: Vice President, Finance

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