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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): January 27, 2017

ATHERSYS, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware 001-33876 20-4864095 (State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer

of Incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

3201 Carnegie Avenue, 44115-2634

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Cleveland, Ohio (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (216) 431-9900

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)::

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events.

Athersys, Inc. (the *Company*) is filing herewith the following exhibit to its Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-194538):

1. Underwriting Agreement, dated as of January 27, 2017, between the Company and William Blair & Company, L.L.C., as representative of the underwriters named therein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

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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.

ATHERSYS, INC.

By: /s/ Laura K. Campbell Laura K. Campbell Senior Vice President of Finance

Date: February 1, 2017

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