

ATHERSYS, INC / NEW  
Form 8-K  
June 22, 2010

**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): June 17, 2010**

**Athersys, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

(State or other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

**001-33876**

(Commission File Number)

**20-4864095**

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**3201 Carnegie Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**44115-2634**

(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 5.07. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders**

Athersys held its Annual Meeting of Stockholders on June 17, 2010. At the meeting, the following actions were taken:

- a) The seven nominees for director were elected by the following votes:

|                   | <b>Shares Voted<br/>For</b> | <b>Shares<br/>Withheld</b> | <b>Broker<br/>Non-Votes</b> |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Gil Van Bokkelen  | 9,321,670                   | 38,542                     | 5,909,352                   |
| John Harrington   | 9,321,765                   | 38,447                     | 5,909,352                   |
| Floyd Loop        | 9,315,308                   | 44,904                     | 5,909,352                   |
| George Milne      | 9,316,323                   | 43,889                     | 5,909,352                   |
| Lorin Randall     | 9,300,975                   | 59,237                     | 5,909,352                   |
| Michael Sheffery  | 9,321,483                   | 38,729                     | 5,909,352                   |
| Jack Wyszomierski | 9,320,983                   | 39,229                     | 5,909,352                   |

- b) Ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as Athersys independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2010 was approved with the following number of votes:

| <b>For</b> | <b>Against</b> | <b>Abstain</b> | <b>Broker Non-Votes</b> |
|------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| 15,216,665 | 32,291         | 20,608         |                         |

**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: June 22, 2010

ATHERSYS, INC.

By: /s/ Laura K. Campbell

Name: Laura K. Campbell

Title: Vice President, Finance