



## Athersys to Present at the Rodman and Renshaw 6th Annual Global Healthcare Conference

CLEVELAND, May 17, 2010 (GlobeNewswire via COMTEX News Network) -- Athersys, Inc. (Nasdaq:ATHX) today announced it will present at the Rodman and Renshaw 6th Annual Global Healthcare Conference, to be held May 16-18, 2010 at The Grosvenor House Hotel, London, UK.

William (B.J.) Lehmann, President and Chief Operating Officer, will present on Tuesday, May 18, at 3:15 PM British Summer Time. Investors may listen to a live audio web cast of Athersys' presentation by accessing the following link:  
<http://www.wsw.com/webcast/rrshq17/athx/>

A web cast replay of the presentation can be accessed via the Company's web site at [www.athersys.com](http://www.athersys.com), under the "Investors Section."

### About Athersys

Athersys is a clinical stage biopharmaceutical company engaged in the discovery and development of therapeutic product candidates designed to extend and enhance the quality of human life. The Company is developing MultiStem(R), a patented, adult-derived "off-the-shelf" stem cell product platform for multiple disease indications, including damage caused by myocardial infarction, bone marrow transplantation and oncology treatment support, ischemic stroke, and inflammatory bowel disease. The Company is also developing a portfolio of other therapeutic programs, including orally active pharmaceutical product candidates for the treatment of metabolic and central nervous system disorders, utilizing proprietary technologies, including Random Activation of Gene Expression (RAGE(R)). Athersys has forged several key strategic alliances and collaborations with leading pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, as well as world-renowned research institutions in the United States and Europe to further develop its platform and products. More information is available at [www.athersys.com](http://www.athersys.com).

The Athersys, Inc. logo is available at <http://www.globenewswire.com/newsroom/prs/?pkgid=4548>

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