



## Athersys to Host Second Quarter 2011 Financial Results Call

CLEVELAND, July 11, 2011 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Athersys, Inc. (Nasdaq:ATHX) today announced it will release its second quarter 2011 financial results at approximately 4:00 PM (Eastern Time) on Wednesday, August 10, 2011, and host a conference call shortly thereafter at 4:30 PM (Eastern Time) to review the results. Gil Van Bokkelen, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, and William (B.J.) Lehmann, President and Chief Operating Officer, will host the call as follows:

Date	August 10, 2011
Time	4:30 p.m. (Eastern Time)
Telephone access: U.S. and Canada	800-273-1254
Telephone access: International	973-638-3440
Access code	79269965
Live webcast	<a href="http://www.athersys.com">www.athersys.com</a> , under the Investors section

A replay will be available for on-demand listening shortly after the completion of the call until 11:59 PM (Eastern Time) on August 24, 2011, at the aforementioned URL, or by dialing 800-642-1687 in the U.S. and Canada, or 706-645-9291 from abroad, and entering access code 79269965.

### 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<sup>®</sup>, a patented, adult-derived "off-the-shelf" stem cell product platform for multiple disease indications in the cardiovascular, neurological, inflammatory and immune disease area. The Company currently has several clinical stage programs, including for treating damage caused by myocardial infarction, bone marrow transplantation and oncology treatment support, ischemic stroke, and inflammatory bowel disease. The Company also has developed 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<sup>®</sup>). 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.

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

More information is available at [www.athersys.com](http://www.athersys.com).

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