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): November 1, 2018

ATRICURE, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

000-51470 (Commission File Number) **34-1940305** (IRS Employer Identification No.)

7555 Innovation Way Mason, OH

(Address of principal executive offices)

45040 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (513) 755-4100

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):

□ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

□ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company \Box

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. \Box

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On November 1, 2018, AtriCure, Inc. issued a press release regarding its financial results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2018. The Company will hold a conference call on November 1, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time to discuss the financial results. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information in this Item 2.02 of Form 8-K and in the press release attached as Exhibit 99.1 is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section. The information in Item 2.02 of this Form 8-K and Exhibit 99.1 shall not be incorporated by reference in any filing or other document under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in any such filing or document.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (d) Exhibits
- No. Description
- 99.1 Press Release dated November 1, 2018 relating to financial results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2018

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.

ATRICURE, INC.

Dated: November 1, 2018

By: /s/ M. Andrew Wade

M. Andrew Wade Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer



For immediate release November 1, 2018

AtriCure Reports Third Quarter 2018 Financial Results

- · Worldwide revenue of \$49.9 million an increase of 18.5% year over year
- U.S. revenue of \$39.8 million an increase of 19.1% year over year
- · International revenue of \$10.2 million an increase of 16.2% year over year

MASON, Ohio, November 1, 2018 – AtriCure, Inc. (Nasdaq: ATRC), a leading innovator in treatments for atrial fibrillation (Afib) and left atrial appendage (LAA) management, today announced third quarter 2018 financial results.

"We are pleased with our third quarter performance and building track record of strong, consistent, revenue growth." said Mike Carrel, President and Chief Executive Officer of AtriCure. "We remain confident that our focus on clinical data, education and innovation will continue to position the company for long term success."

Third Quarter 2018 Financial Results

Revenue for the third quarter of 2018 was \$49.9 million, an increase of \$7.8 million or 18.5% (18.6% on a constant currency basis), compared to the third quarter of 2017. U.S. revenue increased 19.1% to \$39.8 million, driven by increased sales of open-heart ablation products and appendage management products. International revenue was \$10.2 million, an increase of \$1.4 million or 16.2% (16.9% on a constant currency basis), compared to the third quarter of 2017, driven primarily by increased sales in European markets.

Gross profit for the third quarter of 2018 was \$35.9 million compared to \$30.9 million for the third quarter of 2017. Gross margin for the third quarter of 2018 decreased to 72.0% compared to 73.4% in the third quarter of 2017, driven primarily by a one-time charge for share-based compensation related to a retiring operations leader, as well as product mix.

Operating expenses for the third quarter of 2018 increased 11.2%, or \$4.2 million, compared to the third quarter of 2017. The increase in operating expenses was primarily due to increased costs associated with personnel, as well as research and development project spend, partially offset by lower meeting and demonstration product costs, and an adjustment to contingent consideration.

Loss from operations for the third quarter of 2018 was \$6.0 million, compared to a loss of \$6.8 million for the third quarter of 2017. Net loss per share was \$0.22 for both the third quarter of 2018 and 2017. The adjusted loss per share for the third quarter of 2018, which excludes the contingent consideration adjustment, was \$0.24.

Adjusted EBITDA, a non-GAAP measure, was a loss of \$0.5 million for the third quarter of 2018 and a loss of \$1.0 million for the third quarter of 2017. See reconciliation of GAAP results to non-GAAP results in the table accompanying this release.

2018 Financial Guidance

Revenue for 2018 is projected to be approximately \$198 million to \$201 million. Adjusted EBITDA, a non-GAAP measure, is now projected to be a loss in the range of \$1.0 million to \$3.0 million. Net loss per share is projected to be in the range of \$0.69 to \$0.74.

Conference Call

Atricure will host a conference call at 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time on Thursday, November 1, 2018 to discuss its third quarter 2018 financial results. The call may be accessed through an operator by calling (844) 884-9951 for domestic callers and (661) 378-9661 for international callers using conference ID number 9799908. A live audio webcast of the presentation may be accessed by visiting the Investors page of AtriCure's corporate website at ir.atricure.com. A replay of the presentation will be available for 90 days following the presentation.

About AtriCure

AtriCure, Inc. provides innovative technologies for the treatment of Afib and related conditions. Afib affects more than 33 million people worldwide. Electrophysiologists and cardiothoracic surgeons around the globe use AtriCure technologies for the treatment of Afib and reduction of Afib related complications. AtriCure's Isolator® Svnergv[™] Ablation Svstem is the first and onlv medical device to receive FDA approval for the treatment of persistent Afib. AtriCure's AtriClip® Left Atrial Appendage Exclusion System products are the most widelv sold left atrial appendage management devices worldwide, with more than 150,000 implanted to date. For more information, visit AtriCure.com or follow us on Twitter @AtriCure.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains "forward-looking statements" – that is, statements related to future events that by their nature address matters that are uncertain. For details on the uncertainties that may cause our actual results to be materially different than those expressed in our forward-looking statements, visit http://www.atricure.com/fls as well as our Annual Reports on Form 10-K and Ouarterly Reports on Form 10-Q which contain risk factors. We do not undertake to update our forward-looking statements. This document also includes forward-looking projected financial information that is based on current estimates and forecasts. Actual results could differ materially.

Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

To supplement AtriCure's condensed consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, or GAAP, AtriCure uses certain non-GAAP financial measures in this release as supplemental financial metrics.

Revenue reported on a constant currency basis is a non-GAAP measure and is calculated by applying previous period foreign currency exchange rates, which are determined by the average daily Euro to Dollar exchange rate, to each of the comparable periods. Management analyzes revenue on a constant currency basis to better measure the comparability of results between periods. Because changes in foreign currency exchange rates have a non-operating impact on revenue, the Company believes that evaluating growth in revenue on a constant currency basis provides an additional and meaningful assessment of revenue to both management and the company's investors.

Adjusted EBITDA provides an indication of performance excluding certain items. Management believes that in order to properly understand short-term and long-term financial trends, investors may wish to consider the impact of these excluded items in addition to GAAP measures. The excluded items varv in frequency and/or impact on our continuing operations and management believes that the excluded items are typically not reflective of our ongoing core business operations. Further, management uses adjusted EBITDA for its strategic planning. A reconciliation of adjusted EBITDA reported in this release to the most comparable GAAP measure for the respective periods can be found in a table later in this release.

Adjusted loss per share is a non-GAAP measure which calculates the net loss per share before non-cash adjustments to expenses related to the adjustment in value of the contingent consideration liability. Management believes this metric provides a better measure of comparability of results between periods, as such adjustments are not frequent in nature or similar in value, and can be significant. A reconciliation of adjusted loss per share reported in this release to the most comparable GAAP measure for the respective periods can be found in a table later in this release.

The non-GAAP financial measures used by AtriCure may not be the same or calculated the same as those used by other companies. Non-GAAP financial measures have limitations as analytical tools and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for AtriCure's financial results prepared and reported in accordance with GAAP.

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ATRICURE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (In Thousands, Except Per Share Amounts) (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,				Nine Months Ended September 30,			
		2018		2017		2018		2017
United States Revenue:								
Open-heart ablation	\$	17,948	\$	15,351	\$	53,600	\$	47,846
Minimally invasive ablation		7,877		9,049		25,604		26,056
Appendage management		13,487		8,471		38,385		26,636
Total ablation and appendage management		39,312		32,871		117,589		100,538
Valve tools		452		523		1,445		1,658
Total United States		39,764		33,394		119,034		102,196
International Revenue:								
Open-heart ablation		5,437		5,255		16,182		15,519
Minimally invasive ablation		2,355		1,766		6,807		5,859
Appendage management		2,318		1,653		6,540		4,825
Total ablation and appendage management		10,110		8,674		29,529		26,203
Valve tools		67		82		174		255
Total International		10,177		8,756		29,703		26,458
Total revenue		49,941		42,150		148,737		128,654
Cost of revenue		13,993		11,232		40,207		35,174
Gross profit		35,948		30,918		108,530		93,480
Operating expenses:								
Research and development expenses		8,556		7,966		26,268		26,423
Selling, general and administrative expenses		33,440		29,799		96,782		89,901
Total operating expenses		41,996		37,765		123,050		116,324
Loss from operations		(6,048)		(6,847)		(14,520)		(22,844)
Other expense, net		(1,136)		(373)		(3,040)		(1,402)
Loss before income tax expense		(7,184)		(7,220)		(17,560)		(24,246)
Income tax expense		51		26		147		66
Net loss	\$	(7,235)	\$	(7,246)	\$	(17,707)	\$	(24,312)
Basic and diluted net loss per share Weighted average shares used in computing net loss per share:	<u>\$</u>	(0.22)	\$	(0.22)	\$	(0.53)	\$	(0.75)
Basic and diluted		33,601		32,576		33,280		32,297

ATRICURE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (In Thousands) (Unaudited)

	September 30, 2018			cember 31, 2017	
Assets					
Current assets:		10.010			
Cash, cash equivalents, and short-term investments	\$	40,219	\$	34,451	
Accounts receivable, net		23,290		23,083	
Inventories		22,258		22,451	
Other current assets		2,662		2,273	
Total current assets		88,429		82,258	
Property and equipment, net		27,964		28,749	
Goodwill and intangible assets, net		154,995		156,021	
Other noncurrent assets		574		676	
Total assets	\$	271,962	\$	267,704	
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity					
Current liabilities:					
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$	32,185	\$	31,342	
Other current liabilities and current maturities of debt and capital leases		1,559		561	
Total current liabilities		33,744		31,903	
Capital leases		12,336		12,761	
Long-term debt		38,554		24,100	
Other noncurrent liabilities		23,560		37,774	
Total liabilities		108,194		106,538	
Stockholders' equity:					
Common stock		36		35	
Additional paid-in capital		407,442		386,963	
Accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income		(136)		34	
Accumulated deficit		(243,574)		(225,866)	
Total stockholders' equity		163,768		161,166	
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	271,962	\$	267,704	

ATRICURE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (In Thousands) (Unaudited)

	 Nine Months End 2018	led Se	eptember 30, 2017
Cash flows from operating activities:	 		
Net loss	\$ (17,707)	\$	(24,312)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities:			
Share-based compensation expense	11,666		10,947
Depreciation and amortization of intangible assets	6,531		6,857
Amortization of deferred financing costs	341		198
Loss on disposal of property and equipment	106		95
Realized loss (gain) from foreign exchange on intercompany transactions	94		(163)
(Accretion) amortization of investments	(121)		42
Change in allowance for doubtful accounts	419		(149)
Change in fair value of contingent consideration	(6,696)		—
Payment of contingent consideration in excess of purchase accounting amount Changes in operating assets and liabilities	(96)		_
Accounts receivable	(727)		(1,030)
Inventories	110		(4,632)
Other current assets	(425)		477
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,262		1,587
Other noncurrent assets and liabilities	 87		(389)
Net cash used in operating activities Cash flows from investing activities:	(5,156)		(10,472)
Purchases of available-for-sale securities	(29,995)		(12,769)
Sales and maturities of available-for-sale securities	20,539		20,600
Purchases of property and equipment	(5,128)		(5,135)
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment	6		_
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities Cash flows from financing activities:	 (14,578)		2,696
Proceeds from debt borrowings	17,381		
Payments on debt and capital leases	(1,608)		(365)
Payment of debt fees	(1,136)		(50)
Shares repurchased for payment of taxes on stock awards	(4,422)		(1,991)
Proceeds from exercise of stock options and employee stock purchase plan	6,957		5,375
Payment of contingent consideration amount established in purchase accounting	(1,125)		_
Net cash provided by financing activities	 16,047		2,969
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(123)		43
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	 (3,810)		(4,764)
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of period	21,809		24,208
Cash and cash equivalents - end of period	\$ 17,999	\$	19,444
Supplemental cash flow information:			
Cash paid for interest	\$ 2,743	\$	1,497
Cash paid for income taxes Non-cash investing and financing activities:	45		37
Accrued purchases of property and equipment	335		263
Assets acquired through capital lease	24		2
Share-settled portion of contingent consideration	6,279		
Capital lease asset early termination	(6)		—

ATRICURE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES RECONCILIATION OF GAAP RESULTS TO NON-GAAP RESULTS (In Thousands, Except Per Share Amounts) (Unaudited)

Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Adjusted Loss (Adjusted EBITDA)

	Three Months Ended September 30,				Nine Months Ended September 30,				
		2018	2017		2018		2017		
Net loss, as reported	\$	(7,235) \$	(7,246)	\$	(17,707)	\$	(24,312)		
Income tax expense		51	26		147		66		
Other expense, net (a)		1,136	373		3,040		1,402		
Depreciation and amortization expense		2,128	2,267		6,531		6,857		
Share-based compensation expense		4,242	3,622		11,666		10,947		
Change in fair value of contingent consideration		(780)			(6,696)				
Non-GAAP adjusted (loss) (Adjusted EBITDA)	\$	(458) \$	(958)	\$	(3,019)	\$	(5,040)		

	 Three Months Ended September 30,				Nine Months Ended September 30,				
	2018 2017			2018		2017			
(a) Other includes:									
Net interest expense	\$ 1,095	\$	518	\$	2,937	\$	1,534		
Loss (gain) due to exchange rate fluctuation	 41		(145)		103		(132)		
Other expense, net	\$ 1,136	\$	373	\$	3,040	\$	1,402		

Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Loss Per Share (Adjusted LPS)

	Three Months Ended September 30,				Nine Months Ended September 30,				
		2018		2017		2018		2017	
Net loss, as reported	\$	(7,235)	\$	(7,246)	\$	(17,707)	\$	(24,312)	
Contingent consideration adjustment		(780)		_		(6,696)			
Net Loss excluding contingent consideration adjustment	\$	(8,015)	\$	(7,246)	\$	(24,403)	\$	(24,312)	
Basic and diluted adjusted net loss per share	\$	(0.24)	\$	(0.22)	\$	(0.73)	\$	(0.75)	
Weighted average shares used in computing adjusted net loss per share:									
Basic and diluted		33,601		32,576		33,280		32,297	