
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 11, 2016

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.)

6217 Centre Park Drive
West Chester, OH
(Address of principal executive offices)

45069
(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):

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

Effective November 11, 2016, the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of AtriCure, Inc. (the “Company”) appointed Sven Wehrwein to serve as a Director until the next Annual Meeting of Stockholders. The Board has determined that Mr. Wehrwein is an independent director in accordance with guidelines that the Company has adopted, which guidelines comply with the listing standards set forth by The NASDAQ Stock Market. Mr. Wehrwein also has been appointed to the Board’s Audit Committee.

Mr. Wehrwein has been an independent financial consultant to emerging companies since 1999. He has more than 35 years of experience as an investment banker, chief financial officer, and certified public accountant. Wehrwein currently sits on the boards of several companies, including Proto Labs, Inc. and SPS Commerce, Inc. In addition, he has served as a Director for a number of other medical device and high growth companies including tenures on the boards of Compellent Technologies, Synovis Life Technologies, and Vital Images.

There is no arrangement or understanding between Mr. Wehrwein and any other person pursuant to which Mr. Wehrwein was appointed as a Director of the Company, and there have been no transactions nor are there any proposed transactions between the Company and Mr. Wehrwein that would require disclosure pursuant to Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K. Mr. Wehrwein will receive compensation for his service as a director in accordance with the Company’s compensation policies for non-employee directors, which are described under the heading “Director Compensation” in the Company’s proxy statement filed with the SEC on April 15, 2016.

A copy of the press release announcing Mr. Wehrwein’s appointment is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference in this Item 5.02.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release dated November 11, 2016

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 14, 2016

By: /s/ M. Andrew Wade
M. Andrew Wade
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer



For immediate release

November 11, 2016

AtriCure Names Sven Wehrwein to its Board of Directors

MASON, Ohio, November 11, 2016 – AtriCure, Inc. (Nasdaq: ATRC), a leading innovator in treatments for atrial fibrillation (Afib) and left atrial appendage (LAA) management, today announced that Sven Wehrwein has been appointed to its Board of Directors.

Mr. Wehrwein has been an independent financial consultant to emerging companies since 1999. He has more than 35 years of experience as an investment banker, chief financial officer, and certified public accountant. Wehrwein currently sits on the boards of several companies, including Proto Labs, Inc. and SPS Commerce, Inc. In addition, he has served as a Director for a number of other medical device and high growth companies including tenures on the boards of Compellent Technologies, Synovis Life Technologies, and Vital Images.

“Sven has a wealth of experience that will be beneficial to the company,” said Mike Carrel, President and CEO of AtriCure. “He brings a deep level of expertise in corporate finance, accounting and strategy, and has been on the Boards of numerous successful public companies. We are fortunate to have him on our Board.”

“I am pleased to be joining the AtriCure Board,” added Wehrwein. “It is an exciting time for the company, which is well positioned to continue being a leader in the Afib and LAA markets. I look forward to doing my part to help guide continued growth.”

About AtriCure

AtriCure, Inc. is a medical device company that provides innovative solutions designed to decrease the global Afib epidemic. AtriCure’s Isolator® Synergy™ Ablation System is the first and only surgical device approved for the treatment of persistent and longstanding persistent forms of Afib in patients undergoing certain open concomitant procedures. AtriCure’s AtriClip® Left Atrial Appendage Management (LAAM) exclusion device is the most widely sold device worldwide that is indicated for the occlusion of the left atrial appendage. AtriCure believes electrophysiologists and cardiothoracic surgeons are adopting its technologies for the treatment of Afib and reduction of Afib related complications. Afib affects more than 33 million people worldwide. For more information, visit AtriCure.com or follow us on Twitter @AtriCure.

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