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## **Athersys to Present at 2014 Stem Cell Meeting on the Mesa**

CLEVELAND, Sept. 29, 2014 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Athersys, Inc. (Nasdaq:ATHX) announced today that Gil Van Bokkelen, Chairman and CEO will present at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Partnering Forum, part of the Stem Cell Meeting on the Mesa to be held October 7-9 in La Jolla, CA. In addition, Dr. Van Bokkelen will be a panelist on the Plenary Session discussing Cell Therapy Product Development, which will take place beginning at 8:15 am PDT on October 7, 2014.

Organized by the Alliance for Regenerative Medicine (ARM), the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM) and the Sanford Consortium for Regenerative Medicine, the 2014 Stem Cell Meeting on the Mesa is a three-day conference aimed at bringing together senior executives and top decision makers in the regenerative medicine industry with the scientific community to advance cutting-edge research into cures. The Partnering Forum, held October 7 and 8 at the Estancia La Jolla Hotel, is the first and only partnering meeting of its kind dedicated solely to facilitating connections for the regenerative medicine and advanced therapies industry.

The meeting also features a nationally recognized Scientific Symposium, held October 9 at the Salk Institute for Biological Studies, showcasing leading academic research in the field of regenerative medicine. Combined, these meetings attract nearly 800 attendees from around the globe, fostering key partnerships through one-on-one meetings while also highlighting clinical and commercial progress in the field.

The following are specific details regarding Athersys' presentation at the conference:

Event: **2014 Stem Cell Meeting on the Mesa - Partnering Forum**

Date: October 7, 2014

Time: 11:45 am PDT

Location: Estancia La Jolla Hotel & Spa, 9700 North Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, CA 92037

A live video webcast of all company presentations will be available at: <http://stemcellmeetingonthemesa.com/webcast/> and will also be published on ARM's website shortly after the event.

Please visit <http://stemcellmeetingonthemesa.com/> for full information including registration. Complimentary attendance at this event is available for credentialed investors and members of the media only. Investors and media should contact Laura Parsons at [lparsons@alliancerm.org](mailto:lparsons@alliancerm.org).

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