

Wade M. Andrew  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Wade M. Andrew		(Month/Day/Year)	AtriCure, Inc. [ATRC]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
6217 CENTRE PARK DRIVE			(Check all applicable)	
(Street)			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
WEST CHESTER, OH 45069			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	(give title below) (specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
			Vice President, Finance	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	5,820 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	W

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	12/05/2008 <sup>(2)</sup>	12/05/2017	Common Stock	2,000	\$ 11.65	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	02/10/2010 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/10/2019	Common Stock	1,000	\$ 1.5	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	02/09/2012 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/09/2021	Common Stock	1,000	\$ 11.2	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	10/25/2013 <sup>(2)</sup>	10/25/2022	Common Stock	35,000	\$ 6.27	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Wade M. Andrew 6217 CENTRE PARK DRIVE WEST CHESTER, OH 45069	Â	Â	Â Vice President, Finance	Â

## Signatures

/s/ M. Andrew  
Wade  
11/05/2012

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person                      Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Includes 4,500 shares of unvested restricted stock awarded under the AtriCure, Inc. 2005 Equity Incentive Plan.
- (2) The option vests and is exercisable as to 25% of the shares one year from the date of grant and the remaining 75% thereafter vests and is exercisable in equal monthly installments on the same day of the month over the following three years.

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