

AtriCure, Inc.  
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Registration No. 333-212088

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**Amendment No. 1 to**  
**FORM S-3**  
**REGISTRATION STATEMENT**  
***UNDER***  
***THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933***

**ATRICURE, INC.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Delaware**  
**(State or other jurisdiction of**  
**incorporation or organization)**

**34-1940305**  
**(I.R.S. Employer**  
**Identification Number)**

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**(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)**

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**(Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)**

**Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public:** From time to time after the effective date of this Registration Statement as determined by market conditions and other factors.

If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box.

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box.

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering. "

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering. "

If this Form is a registration statement pursuant to General Instruction I.D. or a post-effective amendment thereto that shall become effective upon the filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(e) under the Securities Act, check the following box. "

If this Form is a post-effective amendment to a registration statement filed pursuant to General Instruction I.D. filed to register additional securities or additional classes of securities pursuant to Rule 413(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box. "

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

|   |                             |   |
|---|-----------------------------|---|
| Large accelerated filer "   | Accelerated filer           | x |
| Non-accelerated filer " (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) | Smaller reporting company " |   |

**The registrant hereby amends this registration statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this registration statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until the registration statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.**

#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-212088) is being filed solely for the purpose of filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission a replacement Exhibit 5.1 to the Registration Statement. Amendment No. 1 does not modify any provision of the prospectus that forms a part of the Registration Statement, and accordingly, such prospectus has not been included herein.

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**PART II**
**INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS**
**Item 14. Other Expenses Of Issuance And Distribution.**

The expenses in connection with the issuance and distribution of the securities being registered, other than underwriting discounts and commissions, are estimated below:

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| Securities and Exchange Commission registration fee | \$ 26,701      |
| Trustee fees and expenses                           | *              |
| Transfer agent and registrar fees                   | *              |
| Printing expenses                                   | *              |
| Legal fees and expenses                             | *              |
| Accounting fees and expenses                        | *              |
| Miscellaneous                                       | *              |
| <br>Total   | <br>\$ 26,701* |

\* Estimated expenses are presently not known and cannot be estimated. The foregoing sets forth the general categories of expenses (other than underwriting compensation) that we anticipate we will incur in connection with the offering of securities under this registration statement.

**Item 15. Indemnification Of Directors And Officers.**

Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law ( DGCL ) authorizes a court to award, or a corporation s board of directors to grant, indemnity to directors and officers in terms sufficiently broad to permit such indemnification under certain circumstances for liabilities (including reimbursement for expenses incurred) arising under the Securities Act.

As permitted by the DGCL, the Registrant s Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation includes a provision that eliminates the personal liability of its directors for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director.

As permitted by the DGCL, the Third Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Registrant provide that (1) the Registrant is required to indemnify its directors and officers to the fullest extent permitted by the DGCL, subject to certain exceptions, (2) the Registrant is required to advance expenses, as incurred, to its directors and executive officers in connection with a legal proceeding to the fullest extent permitted by the DGCL, subject to certain exceptions and (3) the rights conferred in the Third Amended and Restated Bylaws are not exclusive.

The Registrant has entered into indemnification agreements with each of its directors and executive officers to give such directors and officers additional contractual assurances regarding the scope of the indemnification set forth in the Registrant s Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation and to provide additional procedural protections. The Registrant also intends to enter into indemnification agreements with any new directors and executive officers in the future.

The indemnification provisions in the Registrant's Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation, Third Amended and Restated Bylaws and the indemnification agreements entered into between the Registrant and each of its directors and executive officers may be sufficiently broad to permit indemnification of the Registrant's directors and executive officers for liabilities arising under the Securities Act.

The Registrant has obtained liability insurance for its officers and directors.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers, or persons controlling the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, the Registrant has been informed that in the opinion of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is therefore unenforceable.

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**Item 16. Exhibits**

| Exhibit No. | Description Of Document  |
|-------------|--|
| 1.1(1)      | Form of Underwriting Agreement   |
| 4.1(2)      | Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation (incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Form 8-K filed on May 27, 2016)  |
| 4.2(2)      | Third Amended and Restated Bylaws (incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Form 8-K filed on February 8, 2016)   |
| 4.3(2)      | Specimen Common Stock Certificate (incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 2 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Registration No. 333-124197) filed on July 7, 2005)  |
| 4.4(1)      | Form of Certificate of Designation of Preferred Stock  |
| 4.5(1)      | Specimen Preferred Stock Certificate   |
| 4.6(2)      | Form of Senior Indenture (incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Registration Statement File No. 333-175288 filed on July 1, 2011)  |
| 4.7(2)      | Form of Subordinated Indenture (incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Registration Statement File No. 333-175288 filed on July 1, 2011)  |
| 4.8(1)      | Form of Debt Security  |
| 4.9(1)      | Form of Deposit Agreement  |
| 4.10(1)     | Form of Depositary Receipt   |
| 4.11(1)     | Form of Warrant Agreement  |
| 4.12(1)     | Form of Warrant Certificate  |
| 4.13(1)     | Form of Unit Agreement   |
| 4.14(1)     | Form of Unit Certificate   |
| 5.1         | Opinion of Keating Muething & Klekamp PLL  |
| 8(1)        | Opinion of tax counsel   |
| 12.1(3)     | Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges  |
| 23.1(3)     | Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP   |
| 23.2(3)     | Consent of Grant Thornton LLP  |
| 23.4        | Consent of Keating Muething & Klekamp PLL (contained in Exhibit 5)   |
| 24.1(3)     | Powers of Attorney (contained in the signature page)   |
| 25.1(2)     | Statement of Eligibility on Form T-1 under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, of U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee under the Senior Indenture (incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Registration Statement File No. 333-207916 filed on November 10, 2015)       |
| 25.2(2)     | Statement of Eligibility on Form T-1 under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, of U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee under the Subordinated Indenture (incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Registration Statement File No. 333-207916 filed on November 10, 2015) |

- (1) To be filed as an exhibit to a Current Report on Form 8-K.
- (2) Incorporated by reference from other documents filed with the Commission as indicated.
- (3) Filed previously with this Registration Statement.

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**Item 17. Undertakings.**

(a) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the Registration Statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the Calculation of Registration Fee table in the effective Registration Statement.

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the Registration Statement or any material change to such information in the Registration Statement;

Provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i), (ii) and (iii) above do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in this registration statement, or is contained in a form of prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) that is part of this registration statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(4) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser:

(i) Each prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) shall be deemed to be part of the Registration Statement as of the date the filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in the Registration Statement; and

(ii) Each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5), or (b)(7) as part of a Registration Statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made pursuant to Rule 415(a)(1)(i), (vii), or (x) for the purpose of providing the information required by section 10(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 shall be deemed to be part of and included in the Registration Statement as of the earlier of the date such form of prospectus is first used after effectiveness or the date of the first contract of sale of securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter, such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the Registration Statement relating to the securities in the Registration Statement to which that prospectus relates, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof. Provided, however, that no statement made in a Registration Statement or prospectus that is part of the Registration Statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement or prospectus that is part of the Registration Statement will, as to a purchaser with a



time of contract of sale prior to such effective date, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the Registration Statement or prospectus that was part of the Registration Statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such effective date;

(5) That, for the purpose of determining liability of the registrant under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities, the undersigned registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned registrant pursuant to this Registration Statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:

(i) Any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424;

(ii) Any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant or used or referred to by the undersigned registrant;

- (iii) The portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant; and
- (iv) Any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned registrant to the purchaser.
- (b) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (c) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes to supplement the prospectus, after the expiration of the subscription period, to set forth the results of the subscription offer, the transactions by the underwriters during the subscription period, the amount of unsubscribed securities to be purchased by the underwriters, and the terms of any subsequent reoffering thereof. If any public offering by the underwriters is to be made on terms differing from those set forth on the cover page of the prospectus, a post-effective amendment will be filed to set forth the terms of such offering.
- (d) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes: (1) to use its best efforts to distribute prior to the opening of bids, to prospective bidders, underwriters, and dealers, a reasonable number of copies of a prospectus which at that time meets the requirements of Section 10(a) of the Act, and relating to the securities offered at competitive bidding, as contained in the Registration Statement, together with any supplements thereto, and (2) to file an amendment to the Registration Statement reflecting the results of bidding, the terms of the reoffering and related matters to the extent required by the applicable form, not later than the first use, authorized by the issuer after the opening of bids, of a prospectus relating to the securities offered at competitive bidding, unless no further public offering of such securities by the issuer and no reoffering of such securities by the purchasers is proposed to be made.
- (e) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes to deliver or caused to be delivered with the prospectus, to each person to whom the prospectus is sent or given, the latest annual report, to securityholders that is incorporated by reference in the prospectus and is furnished pursuant to and meeting the requirements of Rule 14a-3 or Rule 14c-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and, where interim financial information required to be presented by Article 3 of Regulation S-X is not set forth in the prospectus, to deliver, or cause to be delivered to each person to whom the prospectus is sent or given, the latest quarterly report that is specifically incorporated by reference in the prospectus to provide such interim financial information.
- (f) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes to provide to the underwriter at the closing specified in the underwriting agreements, certificates in such denominations and registered in such names as required by the underwriter to permit prompt delivery to each purchaser.
- (g) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against

public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

- (h) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes to file, if necessary, an application for the purpose of determining the eligibility of the Trustee to act under subsection (a) of Section 310 of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed by the Securities and Exchange Commission under Section 305(b)(2) of such Act.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized in Mason, Ohio, as of the 22nd day of June, 2016.

**ATRICURE, INC.**

By: /s/ Michael H. Carrel  
Michael H. Carrel

President, Chief Executive Officer and Director

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated:

| <b>Signature</b>                           | <b>Title</b>  | <b>Date</b>   |
|--|---|---------------|
| /s/ Michael H. Carrel<br>Michael H. Carrel | President, Chief Executive Officer and Director<br>(Principal Executive Officer)                  | June 22, 2016 |
| /s/ M. Andrew Wade<br>M. Andrew Wade       | Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer<br>(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer) | June 22, 2016 |
| *  | Chairman of the Board of Directors  | June 22, 2016 |
| Richard M. Johnston                        |   |               |
| *  | Director  | June 22, 2016 |
| Mark A. Collar                             |   |               |
| *  | Director  | June 22, 2016 |
| Scott W. Drake                             |   |               |
| *  | Director  | June 22, 2016 |
| Michael D. Hooven                          |   |               |
| *  | Director  | June 22, 2016 |
| Elizabeth D. Krell                         |   |               |

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| *                   | Director         | June 22, 2016 |
| Mark R. Lanning     |                  |               |
| *                   | Director         | June 22, 2016 |
| Karen P. Robards    |                  |               |
| *                   | Director         | June 22, 2016 |
| Robert S. White     |                  |               |
| */s/ M. Andrew Wade | Attorney-in-fact | June 22, 2016 |
| M. Andrew Wade      |                  |               |