

## **AtriCure Announces Preliminary Results for Fourth Quarter and Full Year 2012**

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WEST CHESTER, Ohio--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jan 7, 2013--AtriCure, Inc. (Nasdaq: ATRC), a medical device company and a leader in cardiac surgical ablation systems for the treatment of atrial fibrillation, or AF, and systems for the exclusion of the left atrial appendage, in anticipation of investor meetings in San Francisco during the week of January 7, is announcing preliminary financial results for fourth quarter and full year 2012.

Preliminary revenue for the fourth quarter of 2012 is expected to be approximately \$18.4 million, reflecting growth of approximately 9.5% over the fourth quarter of 2011. Based on these preliminary estimates, revenue from U.S. customers is expected to be \$13.7 million, reflecting growth of 10.2%, and revenue from international customers is expected to be \$4.7 million, reflecting growth of 7.7%, or 10.0% on a constant currency basis.

Preliminary revenue for full year 2012 is expected to be \$70.2 million, reflecting year over year growth of 9.1% over full year 2011.

"We are pleased to report preliminary fourth quarter and full year 2012 results which provide a strong growth platform from which we can continue to build. In my first two months at AtriCure, I have spent considerable time evaluating the strategic and operational aspects of the company through in depth conversations with employees, clinical partners, customers, and shareholders. I have found many strengths - we have truly differentiated technology, solid customer relationships, an unparalleled training program, and a talented and committed group of employees. In 2013, in order to drive sustainable revenue growth, we will have additional focus on our commercial platform, strategic marketing effort, and our financial and operational discipline," said Mike Carrel, President and Chief Executive Officer of AtriCure.

Mr. Carrel continued, "I am confident in our ability to further develop and expand the field of atrial fibrillation and position AtriCure to achieve its full potential, creating value for customers and shareholders. I look forward to providing additional detail on our growth strategy when we release our final 2012 results in late February." About AtriCure, Inc. AtriCure, Inc. is a medical device company and a leader in developing, manufacturing and selling innovative cardiac surgical ablation systems designed to create precise lesions, or scars, in cardiac, or heart, tissue for the treatment of atrial fibrillation, or AF, and systems for the exclusion of the left atrial appendage. The Company believes cardiothoracic surgeons are adopting its ablation products for the treatment of AF during concomitant open-heart surgical procedures and sole-therapy minimally invasive procedures. AF affects more than 5.5 million people worldwide and predisposes them to a five-fold increased risk of

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stroke. The FDA has not cleared or approved certain AtriCure products for the treatment of AF or a reduction in the risk of stroke.

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