

# ASTRO MED INC /NEW/

FORM SC 13G  
(Statement of Ownership)

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

**SCHEDULE 13G**

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. )<F1>

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**Astro-Med, Inc.**

(Name of Issuer)

**Common Stock**

(Title of Class of Securities)

**04638F108**

(CUSIP Number)

<F1> The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

Schedule is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b).

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CUSIP No. 04638F108 13G  
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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
S.S. or I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON  
Artisan Partners Limited Partnership 39-1807188  
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2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP<F1> (a)[ ]  
Not Applicable (b)[ ]

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3 SEC USE ONLY  
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4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
Delaware  
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	5	SOLE VOTING POWER	
		None	
NUMBER OF	6	SHARED VOTING POWER	
SHARES		227,700	
BENEFICIALLY	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	
OWNED BY		None	
EACH	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	
REPORTING		227,700	
PERSON			
WITH			

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9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 227,700

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10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES<F1> Not Applicable

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11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9  
5.2%

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12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON<F1>  
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<F1> SEE INSTRUCTION BEFORE FILLING OUT!

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CUSIP No. 04638F108  
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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
S.S. or I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON  
Artisan Investment Corporation  
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2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP<F1>

Not Applicable

(a)[ ]  
(b)[ ]

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3 SEC USE ONLY  
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4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
Wisconsin  
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5 SOLE VOTING POWER  
None  
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NUMBER OF  
SHARES 6 SHARED VOTING POWER  
BENEFICIALLY 227,700  
OWNED BY  
EACH 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  
REPORTING None  
PERSON  
WITH 8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  
227,700  
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12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON<F1>

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
S.S. or I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON  
Andrew A. Ziegler  
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2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP<F1>  
  
Not Applicable

(a)[ ]  
(b)[ ]

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3 SEC USE ONLY  
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4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
U.S.A.  
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	5	SOLE VOTING POWER	None
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	6	SHARED VOTING POWER	227,700
	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	None
	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	227,700

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12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON<F1>  
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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
S.S. or I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON  
Carlene Murphy Ziegler  
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2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP<F1>

Not Applicable

(a)[ ]  
(b)[ ]

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3 SEC USE ONLY  
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4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
U.S.A.  
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NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	6	SHARED VOTING POWER	227,700
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**Item 1(a) Name of Issuer:**

**Astro-Med, Inc.**

**Item 1(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:**

600 East Greenwich Avenue  
West Warwick, RI 02893

**Item 2(a) Name of Person Filing:**

Artisan Partners Limited Partnership ("Artisan Partners")  
Artisan Investment Corporation, the general partner of  
Artisan Partners ("Artisan Corp.")  
Andrew A. Ziegler  
Carlene Murphy Ziegler

**Item 2(b) Address of Principal Business Office:**

Artisan Partners, Artisan Corp., Mr. Ziegler and Ms. Ziegler  
are all located at:

1000 North Water Street, #1770  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

**Item 2(c) Citizenship:**

Artisan Partners is a Delaware limited partnership  
Artisan Corp. is a Wisconsin corporation  
Mr. Ziegler and Ms. Ziegler are U.S. citizens

**Item 2(d) Title of Class of Securities:**

**Common Stock**

**Item 2(e) CUSIP Number:**

**04638F108**

**Item 3 Type of Person:**

(e) Artisan Partners is an Investment Adviser registered under section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940; Artisan Corp. is the General Partner of Artisan Partners; Mr. Ziegler and Ms. Ziegler are the principal stockholders of Artisan Corp.

**Item 4 Ownership (at December 31, 1999)**

(a) Amount owned "beneficially" within the meaning of rule 13d-3:

227,700

(b) Percent of class:

5.2% (based on 4,418,168 shares outstanding as of December 8, 1999)

(c) Number of shares as to which such person has:

(i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote: None

(ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote:

227,700

(iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: None

(iv) shared power to dispose or to direct disposition of: 227,700

Artisan Partners serves as investment adviser to Artisan Funds, Inc., comprised of four series designated Artisan Small Cap Fund, Artisan International Fund, Artisan Mid Cap Fund and Artisan Small Cap Value Fund (the "Funds"). Various of Artisan Partners' limited partners and employees are also officers and directors of the Funds, but Artisan Partners does not consider the Funds to be controlled by such persons. Although the Funds are not controlled by Artisan Partners, pursuant to rule 13d-3(a) the shares beneficially owned by a Fund, with respect to which that Fund has delegated to Artisan Partners shared voting power and shared dispositive power, are considered to be shares beneficially owned by Artisan Partners by reason of such delegated powers. Other clients of Artisan Partners may own shares which are not included in the aggregate number of shares reported herein because Artisan Partners does not have or share voting or investment power over those shares.

**Item 5 Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class:**

Not Applicable

**Item 6 Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person:**

The shares reported herein have been acquired on behalf of discretionary clients of Artisan Partners. Persons other than Artisan Partners are entitled to receive all dividends from, and proceeds from the sale of, those shares.



**Item 7 Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which**

Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company:

Not Applicable

**Item 8 Identification and Classification of Members of the Group:**

Not Applicable

**Item 9 Notice of Dissolution of Group:**

Not Applicable

**Item 10 Certification:**

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purpose or effect.

**Signature**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: February 14, 2000

The undersigned corporation, on the date above written, agrees and consents to the joint filing on its behalf of this Schedule 13G in connection with its beneficial ownership of the security reported herein.

**ARTISAN INVESTMENT CORPORATION**  
for itself and as general partner of  
**ARTISAN PARTNERS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP**

By: */s/ Andrew A. Ziegler*  
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*Andrew A. Ziegler*  
*President*

The undersigned individuals, on the date above written, agree and consent to the joint filing on their behalf of this Schedule 13G in connection with their beneficial ownership of the security reported herein.

**ANDREW A. ZIEGLER**

*/s/ Andrew A. Ziegler*  
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*CARLENE MURPHY ZIEGLER*

*/s/ Carlene Murphy Ziegler*  
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**End of Filing**

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