

STRYKER CORP  
Form 8-K  
January 19, 2012  
UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K  
CURRENT REPORT  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 18, 2012

STRYKER CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Michigan  | 0-9165                      | 38-1239739                           |
| (State or other jurisdiction<br>of incorporation) | (Commission<br>File Number) | (IRS Employer<br>Identification No.) |

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| 2825 Airview Boulevard, Kalamazoo, Michigan | 49002      |
| (Address of principal executive offices)    | (Zip Code) |

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 269.385.2600

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS

On January 18, 2012, Stryker Corporation (the Company) announced that Stryker Biotech had reached a settlement with the U.S. Attorney's office for the District of Massachusetts. A copy of the Company's press release announcing this settlement is furnished with this Current Report as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference. Pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission, this exhibit and the information set forth therein are deemed to have been furnished and shall not be deemed to be "filed" under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press release dated January 18, 2012

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

STRYKER CORPORATION  
(Registrant)

January 19, 2012  
Date

/s/ TONY M. MCKINNEY  
Tony M. McKinney  
Vice President, Chief Accounting Officer