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| April 26, 2018 |

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

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CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): April 26, 2018

STRYKER CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Michigan 000-09165 38-1239739

(State of incorporation) (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

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

(269) 385-2600

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

| Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of |
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| the registrant under any of the following provisions: |
| [] Written communications pursuant to Pula 425 under the Securities Act (17 CEP 230 425) |

| [] Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425) |
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| [] Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12) |
| [] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b)) |
| [] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c)) |
| Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities |
| Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this |
| chapter). |

Emerging Growth Company []

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. []

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ITEM 2.02 RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

Stryker Corporation issued a press release on April 26, 2018 announcing its first quarter 2018 operating results. A copy of this press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1. ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS (d)Exhibits

99.1 Stryker Corporation reports first quarter 2018 operating results, press release dated: April 26, 2018

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)

Date: April 26, 2018 /s/ GLENN S. BOEHNLEIN Glenn S. Boehnlein Vice President, Chief Financial Officer