

STRYKER CORP  
Form 8-K  
October 17, 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): October 17, 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 2.02 RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

Stryker Corporation issued a press release on October 17, 2012 announcing its third quarter 2012 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 Press release dated October 17, 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)

October 17, 2012  
Date

/s/ DEAN H. BERGY  
Dean H. Bergy  
Interim Chief Financial Officer and Vice  
President, Corporate Secretary