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Form 6-K  
December 17, 2003

FORM 6-K

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16  
of the Securities Exchange Act of  
1934

December 17, 2003

Commission File Number 001-14978

SMITH & NEPHEW plc  
(Registrant's name)

15 Adam Street  
London, England WC2N 6LA  
(Address of registrant's principal executive offices)

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Yes                      No    X  
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## 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 thereunto duly authorized.

Smith & Nephew plc  
(Registrant)

Date: December 17, 2003

By: /s/ Paul Chambers

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Paul Chambers  
Company Secretary

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### Timing of Smith & Nephew Pre-Close Trading Update

17 December 2003

Smith & Nephew plc will be issuing its pre-close trading update announcement on Thursday 18 December at 2pm GMT/9am EST. This will be followed by a pre-close briefing of financial analysts by conference call at 3pm GMT/10am EST, which can be heard live via webcast on the Smith & Nephew website at [www.smith-nephew.com](http://www.smith-nephew.com)

### About Us

Smith & Nephew (LSE: SN, NYSE:SNN) is one of the world's leading medical devices companies, specialising in Orthopaedics, Endoscopy and Advanced Wound Management. Smith & Nephew ranks as the global leader in arthroscopy and advanced wound management and is the fastest growing full-line orthopaedics company in the world.

Smith & Nephew is dedicated to helping improve people's lives. The company prides itself in the strength of its relationships with its surgeon and healthcare professional customers, with whom its name is synonymous with the highest standards of performance, innovation and trust. The company has over 7,500 employees and operates in 32 countries around the world, generating sales of (GBP)1.1 billion.

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