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Form 8-K January 24, 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 24, 2012

STRYKER CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

2825 Airview Boulevard, Kalamazoo, Michigan

(Address of principal executive offices)

49002
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 269.385.2600

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ITEM 2.02 RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

Stryker Corporation issued a press release on January 24, 2012 announcing its fourth quarter and year end 2011 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 January 24, 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 24, 2012 /s/ Curt R. Hartman
Date Curt R. Hartman

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer