

STRYKER CORP
Form 8-K
August 19, 2011

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): August 16, 2011

STRYKER CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Michigan
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

0-9165
(Commission
File Number)

38-1239739
(IRS Employer
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 5.02 DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR CERTAIN OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS;
APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN OFFICERS; COMPENSATORY ARRANGEMENTS OF CERTAIN OFFICERS.

On August 16, 2011, Andrew G. Fox-Smith informed the Company of his intention to resign from his position as Group President, International, effective September 1, 2011 in order to pursue other career opportunities. Mr. Fox-Smith will remain an employee of the Company in an advisory capacity until March 1, 2012, during which time he will continue to receive his current compensation and benefits, and will receive an additional payment of \$350,000 in two installments during 2012.

ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS.

On August 18, 2011, Stryker Corporation announced the appointment of Ramesh Subrahmanian to the role of Group President, International. A copy of the press release announcing the appointment is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

- (d) Exhibits
 - 99.1 Press release dated August 18, 2011

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)

August 19, 2011

/s/ TONY M. MCKINNEY

Date

Tony M. McKinney

Vice President, Chief Accounting Officer