

SMITH & NEPHEW PLC  
Form 6-K  
November 16, 2010

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

November 15, 2010

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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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: November 15, 2010

By: /s/ Susan Henderson

Susan Henderson

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Company Secretary

Smith & Nephew plc

15 November 2010

Smith & Nephew plc - Transaction in Own Shares

Smith & Nephew plc announces that on 12 November 2010 it transferred a total of 32,823 ordinary shares of US\$0.20 each to participants of the Smith & Nephew ShareSave Plan and the Smith & Nephew International ShareSave Plan, who had exercised options following maturity on 1 November 2010.

The shares, which were all formerly held as Treasury shares, were transferred as follows:

- 452 ordinary shares at an exercise price of 576.5p per share; and
- 307 ordinary shares at an exercise price of 507p per share; and
- 23,488 ordinary shares at an exercise price of 455.5p per share; and
- 1,549 ordinary shares at an exercise price of 431p per share.
- 6,359 ordinary shares at an exercise price of 425p per share.
- 668 ordinary shares at an exercise price of 380p per share.

Following the above transactions, Smith & Nephew plc holds 62,759,915 ordinary shares in treasury, and has 889,477,410 ordinary shares in issue (excluding treasury shares).

Gemma Parsons  
Deputy Company Secretary

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