

STRYKER CORP  
Form 8-K  
April 03, 2018

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): April 2, 2018

STRYKER CORPORATION  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)  
Michigan 000-09165 38-1239739  
(State of incorporation) (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

2825 Airview Boulevard Kalamazoo, Michigan 49002  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(269) 385-2600  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging Growth Company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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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

Lonny J. Carpenter notified Stryker Corporation (the “Company”) on April 2, 2018, of his intention to retire from his role as Group President, Global Quality and Business Operations effective April 30, 2018. The Company has announced that Viju Menon will be joining the Company as Group President, Global Quality and Business Operations effective April 30, 2018.

Mr. Carpenter has entered into a letter agreement with the Company pursuant to which he will continue to be employed as Group President and Advisor to the Company’s Chief Executive Officer from April 30, 2018 through March 31, 2019 to ensure a smooth transition. Under the terms of the letter agreement, Mr. Carpenter will continue to receive base salary at his current annual rate and will be eligible for an incentive bonus opportunity.

The summary description of the letter agreement with Mr. Carpenter contained in this Form 8-K is not complete and is qualified in its entirety by, and should be read in conjunction with, the complete text of such agreement filed as Exhibit 10.1 to this Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(d) Exhibits

10.1 Letter Agreement between Stryker Corporation and Lonny Carpenter

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)

April 3, 2018 /s/ GLENN S. BOEHNLEIN  
Date Glenn S. Boehnlein  
Vice President, Chief Financial Officer