

STRYKER CORP  
Form 8-K  
December 12, 2017

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): December 6, 2017

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.

ITEM 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On December 6, 2017, Mr. Howard E. Cox, Jr., a member of the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of Stryker Corporation (the “Company”), informed the Company that he will not stand for re election to the Board at the Company’s annual shareholders meeting expected to be held on May 2, 2018 (the “Annual Meeting”). Mr. Cox will continue to serve as a director until the Annual Meeting and then will remain involved as a Director Emeritus. Mr. Cox’s decision not to stand for re-election did not involve any disagreement with the Company. A copy of the press release announcing Mr. Cox’s decision is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(d)Exhibits

99.1 Press release dated: December 12, 2017

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

**STRYKER CORPORATION**  
(Registrant)

December 12, 2017 /s/ GLENN S. BOEHNLEIN  
Date Glenn S. Boehnlein  
Vice President, Chief Financial Officer