

STRYKER CORP  
Form 8-K  
April 22, 2003

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**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 22, 2003

Commission file number: 0-9165

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**STRYKER CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

**Michigan**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**38-1239739**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**P.O. Box 4085, Kalamazoo, Michigan**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**49003-4085**  
(Zip Code)

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

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| ITEM 7. | FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS |
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(c) Exhibits

99.1

Press release dated April 22, 2003

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| ITEM 9. | REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE |
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Stryker Corporation issued a press release on April 22, 2003 announcing the appointment of Stephen P. MacMillan as President and Chief Operating Officer.

### 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.

STRYKER CORPORATION  
(Registrant)

April 22, 2003  
Date

/s/ DEAN H. BERGY  
Dean H. Bergy  
Vice President,  
Chief Financial Officer and Secretary  
(Principal Financial Officer)

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