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Form 8-K

December 12, 2014

### **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 8, 2014

### STRYKER CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Michigan 0-9165 38-1239739 (State or other jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

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

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 269.385.2600

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### ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS

On December 8, 2014, Stryker Corporation issued a press release announcing that it had entered into a settlement with the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) in connection with the DOJ's previously reported civil and criminal investigations into the sales and marketing of the OtisKnee prior to Stryker's acquisition of OtisMed in November 2009, a copy of which 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 December 8, 2014 of Stryker Corporation

### **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, 2014

/s/ WILLIAM R. JELLISON William R. Jellison Vice President, Chief Financial Officer