

STRYKER CORP  
Form 8-K  
April 16, 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 16, 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**

**49003-4085**

(Address of principal executive offices)

(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 16, 2003

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| ITEM 9. | REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE |
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Stryker Corporation issued a press release on April 16, 2003 announcing its first quarter 2003 operating results. A copy of this press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1. This information is being provided pursuant to Item 12 (Results of Operations and Financial Condition).

### 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 16, 2003  
Date

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

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99.1 Press release dated April 16, 2003