STRYKER CORP Form 8-K December 06, 2013

## 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 3, 2013

STRYKER CORPORATION		
(Exact name of registrant as spec	ified in its charter)	
Michigan	0-9165	38-1239739
(State or other jurisdiction	(Commission	(IRS Employer
of incorporation)	File Number)	Identification No.)
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2825 Airview Boulevard, Kalamazoo, Michigan (Address of principal executive offices) 49002 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 269.385.2600

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## DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR CERTAIN OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; ITEM 5.02 APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN OFFICERS; COMPENSATORY ARRANGEMENTS OF CERTAIN OFFICERS

(b) On December 3, 2013, Howard L. Lance notified the Board of Directors of Stryker Corporation that he will resign as a Director effective March 31, 2014 due to his increasing responsibilities at The Blackstone Group private equity business.

## 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 6, 2013

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