

STRYKER CORP  
Form 8-K  
August 12, 2004

**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): August 12, 2004

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.)

**2725 Fairfield Road, Kalamazoo, Michigan**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**49002**

(Zip Code)

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

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<b>ITEM 5.</b>	<b>OTHER EVENTS AND REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE</b>
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Stryker Corporation issued a press release on August 12, 2004 announcing the completion of the SpineCore, Inc. acquisition.

<b>ITEM 7.</b>	<b>FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS</b>
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(c) Exhibits

99.1

Press release dated August 12, 2004

**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)

August 12, 2004  
Date

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

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

99.1 Press release dated August 12, 2004