

STRYKER CORP  
Form 8-K  
January 05, 2010

**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): December 31, 2009

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**STRYKER CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<b>Michigan</b> (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	<b>0-9165</b> (Commission File Number)	<b>38-1239739</b> (IRS Employer Identification No.)
<b>2825 Airview Boulevard, Kalamazoo, Michigan</b> (Address of principal executive offices)		<b>49002</b> (Zip Code)
Registrant's telephone number, including area code: <b>269.385.2600</b>		

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**SECTION 8 - OTHER EVENTS**

Item 8.01 Other Events.

The Company issued a press release on December 31, 2009 announcing the completion of the acquisition of Ascent Healthcare Solutions. A copy of this press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**SECTION 9 - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

The following exhibits are included with this Report:

Exhibit

99.1 Press release announcing the Company's completion of the acquisition of Ascent Healthcare Solutions.

**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)

January 5, 2010

/s/ CURT R. HARTMAN

Date

Curt R. Hartman

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer