

Hartman Curt R
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Hartman Curt R

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 2825 AIRVIEW BLVD.
 (Street)

KALAMAZOO, MI 49002

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
STRYKER CORP [SYK]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/22/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Interim Chief Executive Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	02/22/2012		M		15,000 A \$ 26.4	38,778	D
Common Stock	02/22/2012		F		9,759 (1) D \$ 53.33	29,019	D
Common Stock						20	I By Custodian
Common Stock						3,199	I By 401K

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Common Stock	\$ 26.4	02/22/2012		M	15,000	<u>(2)</u> 04/28/2012	Common Stock	15,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Hartman Curt R 2825 AIRVIEW BLVD. KALAMAZOO, MI 49002			Interim Chief Executive Officer		

Signatures

Lauren E. Keller, attorney in fact for Curt R. Hartman
02/27/2012

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) 9,759 shares were withheld to cover the option cost and applicable taxes.
- (2) Employee stock option granted on April 29, 2002 pursuant to the Stryker Corporation 1998 Stock Option Plan, exercisable as to 20% on each of the first five anniversaries of the date of grant.

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