

STRYKER CORP
Form DEFA14A
April 06, 2012

SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION

**Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

(Amendment No. _)

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STRYKER CORPORATION

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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April 6, 2012

Dear Shareholder:

We have previously sent to you proxy material for the Annual Meeting of Stryker Corporation shareholders, to be held on April 24, 2012. **Your Board of Directors recommends that shareholders vote FOR all items on the agenda.**

If you have not already done so, please vote TODAY by telephone, via the Internet, or by signing, dating and returning the enclosed proxy card in the envelope provided. By voting today, you will help your company avoid the expense of further solicitation.

Very truly yours,

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Secretary

REMEMBER:

You can vote your shares by telephone, or via the Internet.

Please follow the easy instructions on the enclosed proxy card.

If you have any questions, or need assistance in voting

your shares, please call our proxy solicitor,

INNISFREE M&A INCORPORATED

TOLL-FREE, at 1-888-750-5834.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

We have retained Innisfree M&A Incorporated to assist in the solicitation of proxies for the Annual Meeting for a fee of \$10,000, plus reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses.