Subrahmanian Ramesh
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Subrahmanian Ramesh

(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)
02/21/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

_____ Director _____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Group President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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			

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	

(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)						
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Common Stock	$ 53.6	02/21/2012		A		27,985		(1)	02/20/2022	Common Stock	27,985
Common Stock	(2)	02/21/2012		A		12,000		(3)	02/20/2022	Common Stock	12,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Subrahmanian Ramesh 2825 AIRVIEW BLVD. KALAMAZOO, MI 49002			Group President	

Signatures

Lauren E. Keller, attorney-in-fact for Ramesh Subrahmanian	02/23/2012
**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) Employee stock option granted pursuant to the Stryker Corporation 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan, exercisable as to 20% on each of the first five anniversaries of the date of grant.

(2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Stryker common stock.

(3) The restricted stock units vest as to 25% of the shares on March 21, 2013, 25% of the shares on March 21, 2014 and the remaining 50% of the shares on March 21, 2015. Vesting will be accelerated in the event of termination of employment by reason of disability or death but will otherwise cease upon termination of employment or a significant decrease in the reporting person's role and/or responsibilities with Stryker.

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