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Form 6-K  
December 27, 2004

FORM 6-K

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16  
of the Securities Exchange Act of

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1934  
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December 27, 2004

Commission File Number 001-14978

SMITH & NEPHEW plc  
(Registrant's name)

15 Adam Street  
London, England WC2N 6LA  
(Address of registrant's principal executive offices)

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Act of 1934.]

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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.

Smith & Nephew plc  
(Registrant)

Date: December 27, 2004

By: /s/ Paul Chambers  
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Paul Chambers  
Company Secretary

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SMITH & NEPHEW ANNOUNCEMENT DATES FOR 2005 AND DETAILS OF THE BRIEFING AT THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ORTHOPAEDIC SURGEONS

22 December 2004

Smith & Nephew plc (NYSE:SNN; LSE:SN) will announce its preliminary results for 2004 at 12.00 noon GMT/7.00am EST on 3 February 2005. A presentation for analysts will be held at 2.00pm GMT/9.00am EST.

The company will announce its quarterly results through the year as follows:

|                    |                 |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| Quarter 1          | 5 May 2005      |
| Interims/Quarter 2 | 4 August 2005   |
| Quarter 3          | 27 October 2005 |

The company will host a meeting for analysts and investors at the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS), the largest orthopaedic congress in the world, at 8.00am (EST) on Wednesday 23 February 2005 in Washington DC.

The meeting will be hosted by Sir Christopher O'Donnell, Chief Executive, with

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presentations from Dave Illingworth, President of Smith & Nephew's orthopaedics business, and Jim Taylor, President of the endoscopy business. The presentations will focus on Smith & Nephew products being exhibited by the orthopaedic and endoscopy businesses at the surgeon meeting. These will also be broadcast live by webcast on the Smith & Nephew website at [www.smith-nephew.com](http://www.smith-nephew.com) and will be available on the site archive shortly afterwards.

### About Us

Smith & Nephew (LSE: SN, NYSE:SNN) is one of the world's leading medical devices companies, specialising in Orthopaedics, Endoscopy and Advanced Wound Management. Smith & Nephew ranks as the global leader in arthroscopy and advanced wound management and is the fastest growing full-line orthopaedics company in the world.

Smith & Nephew is dedicated to helping improve people's lives. The company prides itself on the strength of its relationships with its surgeon and healthcare professional customers, with whom its name is synonymous with the highest standards of performance, innovation and trust. The company has over 8,000 employees and operates in 32 countries around the world, generating sales of over (GBP) 1 billion.

### News

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