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Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-K X ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023 OR TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 Commission file number: 001-13149 strykerlogoa72.jpg STRYKER CORPORATION (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter) Michigan 38-1239739 (I.R.S. Employer Identification (State of incorporation) No.) 1941 Stryker Way, 49002 Portage, Michigan (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code) (269) 385-2600 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code) Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act: Title of each class Trading Symbol(s) Name of each exchange on which registered Common Stock, \$.10 Par Value **SYK New York Stock Exchange** 0.250% Notes due 2024 SYK24A **New York Stock Exchange** 2.125% Notes due 2027 SYK27 **New York Stock Exchange** 3.375% Notes due 2028 SYK28 **New York Stock Exchange** 0.750% Notes due 2029 SYK29 **New York Stock Exchange** 2.625% Notes due 2030 SYK30 **New York Stock Exchange** 1.000% Notes due 2031 SYK31 **New York Stock Exchange**

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ITEM 1. BUSINESS.

Stryker Corporation (Stryker or the Company) is a global leader in medical technologies and, together with our customers, we are driven to make healthcare better. We offer innovative products and services in MedSurg, Neurotechnology, Orthopaedics and Spine that help improve patient and healthcare outcomes. Alongside our customers around the world, we impact more than 150 million patients annually.

Our core values guide our behaviors and actions and are fundamental to how we execute our mission.

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Stryker was incorporated in Michigan in 1946 as the successor company to a business founded in 1941 by Dr. Homer H. Stryker, a prominent orthopaedic surgeon and inventor of several medical products. Our products are sold in approximately 75 countries through companyowned subsidiaries and branches as well as thirdparty dealers and distributors, and include surgical equipment and surgical navigation endoscopic and communications systems; systems; patient handling, emergency medical equipment and intensive care disposable products; clinical communication and workflow neurosurgical and neurovascular devices; implants used in joint replacement and trauma surgeries; Mako Robotic-Arm Assisted technology; spinal devices; as well as other products used in a variety of medical specialties. Most of our products are marketed directly to doctors, hospitals and other healthcare facilities.

As used herein, and except where the context otherwise requires, "Stryker," "we," "us," and "our" refer to Stryker Corporation and its consolidated subsidiaries.

Business Segments and Geographic Information

We segregate our operations into two reportable business segments: (i) MedSurg and Neurotechnology and (ii) Orthopaedics and Spine. Financial information regarding our reportable business segments and certain geographic information is included under "Consolidated Results of Operations" in Item 7 of this report and Note 14 to our Consolidated Financial Statements.

Net Sales by Reportable Segment

MedSurg and Neurotechnology

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MedSurg products include surgical equipment, patient and caregiver safety technologies, and navigation systems (Instruments), endoscopic and communications systems and reprocessed and remanufactured medical devices (Endoscopy), and patient handling, emergency medical equipment, intensive care disposable products and clinical communication workflow solutions (Medical). Neurotechnology neurosurgical, includes neurovascular craniomaxillofacial implant products. Our neurotechnology offering includes products used for minimally invasive endovascular procedures; a comprehensive line of products for traditional brain and open skull based surgical procedures; orthobiologic and biosurgery products, including synthetic bone grafts and vertebral augmentation products (Neuro Cranial); and minimally invasive products for the treatment of acute ischemic and hemorrhagic stroke (Neurovascular). craniomaxillofacial implant offering includes cranial, maxillofacial and chest wall devices as well as dural substitutes and sealants.

We are one of five leading global competitors in Instruments; the other four being Zimmer Biomet (Zimmer), Medtronic Holdings, Inc. (Medtronic), Johnson & Johnson and ConMed Linvatec, Inc. (a subsidiary of CONMED Corporation). We are one of seven leading global competitors in Endoscopy; the other six being Karl Storz GmbH & Co., Olympus Optical Co. Ltd., Smith & Nephew plc (Smith & Nephew), ConMed Linvatec, Arthrex, Inc. and STERIS plc. We are one of five leading global competitors in Medical; the other four being Baxter International Inc., Zoll Medical Corporation, Medline Industries and Ferno-Washington, Inc. We are one of five leading global competitors in Neurotechnology; the other four being Medtronic, Johnson & Johnson, Terumo Corporation and Penumbra, Inc.

Composition of MedSurg and Neurotechnology Net Sales

	2023			2022			2021	
Instruments	\$	2,569	22 %	\$	2,279	21 %	\$ 2,111	22 %
Endoscopy		3,033	26		2,725	26	2,418	25
Medical		3,459	29		3,031	29	2,607	27
Neurovascular		1,226	10		1,200	11	1,188	13
Neuro Cranial		1,549	13		1,376	13	1,214	13
Total	\$1	1,836	100 %	\$ 1	10,611	100 %	\$9,538 ======	100 %

In 2023 Instruments launched the Neptune S, 2021 which is the only constantly closed low-fluid

Orthopaedics and Spine

Orthopaedics products consist primarily of implants used in total joint replacements, such as hip, knee and shoulder, and trauma and extremities surgeries. We bring patients and physicians advanced implant designs and specialized instrumentation that make orthopaedic surgery and recovery simpler, faster and more effective. We support surgeons with the technology and services they need as they develop new surgical techniques. The Mako Robotic-Arm Assisted Surgical System was designed to help surgeons provide patients with a personalized surgical experience based on their specific diagnosis and anatomy. The Mako System currently offers three applications supporting Partial Knee, Total Hip and Total Knee procedures. Mako is the only robotic-arm assisted technology enabled by 3D CT-based pre-operative planning and, with AccuStop™ haptic technology, Mako provides surgeons the ability to know more about their patients' anatomy so they can cut less in bone preparation and implant placement with intra-operative haptic guidance.

Our spinal implant offering includes cervical and thoracolumbar systems that include fixation, minimally invasive and interbody systems used in spinal injury, complex spine and degenerative therapies. Our spine enabling technologies portfolio includes best in class imaging solutions, image-guided surgical technology, patient specific implants and digital health solutions supporting surgeons and their patients throughout the continuum of care.

We are one of four leading global competitors for joint replacement and trauma and extremities products and robotics; the other three being Zimmer, DePuy Synthes (a Johnson & Johnson company) and Smith & Nephew. We are one of four leading global competitors in Spine; the other three being Medtronic Sofamor Danek, Inc. (a subsidiary of Medtronic), Globus Medical, Inc. (including Nuvasive) and DePuy Synthes.

Composition of Orthopaedics and Spine Net Sales

	2023		20	22	2021	
Knees	\$ 2,273	26 %	\$ 1,997	25 %	\$ 1,848	25 %
Hips	1,544	18	1,413	18	1,342	18
Trauma and						
Extremities	3,147	36	2,807	36	2,664	35
Spine	1,189	14	1,146	15	1,167	15
Other	509	6	475	6	549	7
Total	\$8,662	100 %	\$7,838	100 %	\$7,570	100 %

Raw Materials and Inventory

Raw materials essential to our business are generally readily available from multiple sources; however, certain of our raw materials are currently sourced from single suppliers. Substantially all products we manufacture are stocked in inventory, while certain MedSurg products are assembled to order.

Patents and Trademarks

Patents and trademarks are significant to our business to the extent that a product or an attribute of a product represents a unique design or process. Patent protection of such products restricts competitors from duplicating these unique designs and features. We seek to obtain patent protection on our products whenever appropriate for protecting our competitive advantage. On December 31, 2023 we owned approximately 5,200 United States patents and approximately 7,700 patents in other countries.

Seasonality

Our business is generally not seasonal in nature; however, the number of orthopaedic implant surgeries is typically lower in the summer months, and sales of capital equipment are generally higher in the fourth quarter.

Competition

In each of our product lines we compete with local and global companies. The development of innovative products is important to our success in all areas of our business. Competition in research involving the development and improvement of new and existing products and processes is particularly significant. The competitive environment requires substantial investments in continuing research and maintaining sales forces.

We believe our commitment to innovation, quality and service and our reputation differentiates us in the highly competitive product categories in which we operate and enables us to compete effectively. We believe that our competitive position in the future will depend to a large degree on our ability to develop new products and make improvements to existing products.

Regulation

Our businesses are subject to varying degrees of governmental regulation in the countries in which we operate, and the general trend is toward increasingly stringent regulation. We are required to comply with the unique regulatory requirements of each country in which we market and sell our products.

In the United States the Medical Device Amendments of 1976 to the Federal Food, Drug

state, local and foreign governments that must be complied with in the manufacture and marketing of our products.

The European Union enacted the European Union Medical Device Regulation in May 2017 with an original effective date of May 2021, which imposes stricter requirements for the marketing and sale of medical devices, including in the areas of clinical evaluation requirements, quality systems, labeling and post-market surveillance. Extended transition timelines were published in 2023 which range from May 2026 through December 2028 depending on the type of device and our implementation is on track to meet these timelines.

Initiatives to limit the growth of general healthcare expenses and hospital costs are ongoing in the markets we do business. These initiatives are sponsored by government agencies, legislative bodies and the private sector and include price regulation and competitive pricing. It is not possible to predict at this time the long-term impact of such cost containment measures on our future business. In addition, business practices in the healthcare industry are scrutinized, particularly in the United States, by federal and state government agencies. The resulting investigations and prosecutions carry the risk of significant civil and criminal penalties.

Environment

We are subject to various rules and regulation in the United States and internationally related to the protection of human health and the environment. Our operations involve the use of substances regulated under environmental laws, primarily in manufacturing and sterilization processes. We believe our policies, practices and procedures are properly designed to comply, in all material respects, with applicable environmental laws and regulations. We do not expect compliance with these requirements to have a material effect on purchases of property, plant and equipment, cash flows, net earnings or competitive position.

Employees

On December 31, 2023 we had approximately 52,000 employees globally, with approximately 27,000 employees in the United States. Our talented employees are an integral reason for our standing as a global leader in medical technologies where, together with our customers, we are driven to make healthcare better. Our company values of integrity, accountability, people and performance are a key component of that mission. Our people, as one of our core

We encourage all employees to establish development objectives, in partnership with their manager, to help employees gain the needed development experience to grow their careers.

Employee Engagement

An engaged workplace culture that drives performance and business outcomes is central to our mission. Listening to and learning from our employees forms the foundation of an engaging culture. More than 90% of our employees participate in our annual engagement survey, which provides a valued platform for listening and allows us to take action based on the feedback collected.

We supplement our annual engagement survey with targeted pulse surveys to gather feedback on topics relevant to the current climate. In addition, we establish forums for collecting qualitative feedback to gain insights and identify actions we can take so that employees feel included, engaged and able to achieve their full potential.

We also provide tools and resources that enable managers and teams to act on the insights we gain from our surveys and to drive employee engagement and strong business outcomes.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DE&I)

An essential part of our culture is respecting each individual's strengths and values. Building on this foundation, we are focused on maintaining an inclusive, engaging work environment and prioritizing DE&I in keeping with our values of integrity and people. Our DE&I strategy is centered around these three commitments:

- Strengthen the diversity of our workforce
- Advance a culture of inclusion, engagement and belonging
- Maximize the power of inclusion to drive innovation and growth

We are advancing our commitments through the following actions, among others:

- Increasing access to talent through strategic partnerships and campaigns
- Growing and engaging talent with a range of opportunities to learn and develop
- Aligning our employee resource groups to focus on creating community and belonging

As of December 31, 2023 approximately 38.1% of our employees were women and 27.9% of our employees in the United States identified as racially or ethnically diverse.

Attracting and Hiring

We understand that every employee drives our

We offer market-competitive base pay and benefits to our employees in countries around the world. We regularly evaluate our compensation and benefit offerings and levels, using recognized outside consulting firms to ensure internal fairness and competitiveness in our offerings.

Most of our employees also have variable components to their compensation packages that reward employees based on individual, business unit and/or company-wide performance.

Our proxy statement provides more detail on the competitive compensation programs we offer.

Information about our Executive Officers As of January 31, 2024

			First
			Became an
			Executive
Name	Age	Title	Officer
Kevin A. Lobo	58	Chair, Chief Executive Officer and President	2011
Yin C. Becker	60	Vice President, Chief Corporate Affairs Officer	2016
William E. Berry Jr.	58	Vice President, Chief Accounting Officer	2014
Glenn S. Boehnlein	62	Vice President, Chief Financial Officer	2016
M. Kathryn Fink	54	Vice President, Chief Human Resources Officer	2016
Robert S. Fletcher	53	Vice President, Chief Legal Officer	2019
Viju S. Menon	56	Group President, Global Quality and Operations	2018
J. Andrew Pierce	50	Group President, MedSurg and Neurotechnology	2021
Spencer S. Stiles	47	Group President, Orthopaedics and Spine	2021

Each of our executive officers was elected by our Board of Directors to serve in the office indicated until the first meeting of the Board of Directors following the annual meeting of shareholders in 2024 or until a successor is chosen and qualified or until his or her resignation or removal. Each of our executive officers held the position above or served Stryker in various executive or administrative capacities for at least five years, except for Mr. Fletcher. Prior to joining Stryker in April 2019, Mr. Fletcher held various legal leadership roles with Johnson & Johnson for the previous 14 years, most recently as the Worldwide Vice President, Litigation.

Available Information

Our main corporate website address is

underlying assumptions, are forward-looking statements. Those statements are not guarantees and are subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions that are difficult to predict. Therefore, actual results could differ materially and adversely from these forward-looking statements, historical experience or our present expectations. Some important factors that could cause our actual results to differ from our expectations in any forward-looking statements include:

- weakening of economic conditions, or the anticipation thereof, that could adversely affect the level of demand for our products;
- geopolitical risks, including from international conflicts and upcoming elections in the United States and other countries, which could, among other things, lead to increased market volatility;
- pricing pressures generally, including costcontainment measures that could adversely affect the price of or demand for our products;
- · changes in foreign currency exchange markets;
- · legislative and regulatory actions;
- unanticipated issues arising in connection with clinical studies and otherwise that affect approval of new products by the FDA and foreign regulatory agencies;
- · inflationary pressures;
- increased interest rates or interest rate volatility;
- supply chain disruptions;
- · changes in labor markets;
- changes in reimbursement levels from thirdparty payors;
- a significant increase in product liability claims;
- the ultimate total cost with respect to recallrelated and other regulatory and quality matters;
- the impact of investigative and legal proceedings and compliance risks;
- resolution of tax audits;
- · changes in tax laws and regulations;
- the impact of legislation to reform the healthcare system in the United States or other countries;
- costs to comply with medical device regulations;
- · changes in financial markets;
- changes in our credit ratings;
- changes in the competitive environment;
- our ability to integrate and realize the anticipated benefits of acquisitions in full or at all or within the expected timeframes:

contained in this report are qualified in their entirety by this cautionary statement. We expressly disclaim any intention or obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement to reflect any change in our expectations or in events, conditions or circumstances on which those expectations may be based, or that affect the likelihood that actual results will differ from those contained in the forward-looking statements.

Our operations and financial results are subject to various risks and uncertainties discussed below that could materially and adversely affect our business, cash flows, financial condition and results of operations. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we currently deem not to be material or that could apply to any company may also materially and adversely affect our business, cash flows, financial condition or results of operations. If any of the risks discussed below or other risks actually occur or continue to occur, our business, financial condition, operating results or cash flows could be materially adversely affected. Accordingly, you should carefully consider the following risk factors, as well as other information contained in or incorporated by reference in this report.

BUSINESS AND OPERATIONAL RISKS

We use a variety of raw materials, components, devices and third-party services in our global supply chains, production and distribution processes; significant shortages, price increases or unavailability of third-party services have in the past increased, and could in the future increase, our operating costs and could require significant capital expenditures or adversely impact the competitive position of our products: Our reliance on certain suppliers to secure raw materials, components and finished devices, and on certain third-party service providers, such as sterilization service providers, exposes us to product shortages and unanticipated increases in prices, whether due to changes, inflationary pressure, regulatory litigation exposure, geopolitical tensions or otherwise. For example, in the past we experienced limited product availability due to an electronic components shortage in certain product lines. If a similar shortage occurs in the future with respect to other raw materials or components, we may not be able to obtain them from our suppliers on a timely basis, or at all, or identify alternative suppliers. In addition, several raw materials, components, finished devices and continue to result in, higher interest rates and increased capital, energy, shipping and labor costs, weakening or strengthening exchange rates against the United States Dollar and other similar effects. We have experienced, and may continue to experience, inflationary increases in manufacturing costs and operating expenses, as well as negative impacts from weakening or strengthening exchange rates against the United States Dollar. Although we have been able to pass certain cost increases on to our customers, we have not been able to pass along all cost increases and we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so in the future. Inflation, higher interest rates or interest rate volatility may also cause our customers to reduce or delay orders for our products and services. Any of the foregoing could have a material adverse impact on our sales, profitability and results of operations.

We are subject to pricing pressures as a result of cost containment measures in the United States and other countries and other factors: Initiatives to limit the growth of general healthcare expenses and hospital costs are ongoing in the markets in which we do business. These initiatives are sponsored by government agencies, legislative bodies and the private sector and include price regulation and competitive pricing. For example, China has implemented a volume-based procurement process designed to decrease prices for medical devices and other products. This has already impacted our joint replacement and spine businesses on a national level, and our trauma and certain neurovascular products on a provincial level, and we expect further adoption of volume-based procurement provincially or nationally in China in 2024. Pricing pressure has also increased due to continued consolidation among healthcare providers, trends toward managed care, the shift toward governments becoming the primary payers of healthcare expenses, reduction in reimbursement levels and medical procedure volumes and government laws and regulations relating to sales and promotion, reimbursement and pricing generally. We have also reduced prices for certain products due to increased competition and if we further reduce prices, we could become less profitable. In addition, due to healthcare industry consolidation in recent years, competition to provide goods and services to industry participants has become, and may continue to become, more intense, and this consolidation has produced, and may continue to produce, larger enterprises with more bargaining power. Pricing pressures related to any of the foregoing or other

new products, our ability to maintain or expand our market position in the markets in which we participate may be negatively impacted.

We may be unable to maintain adequate working relationships with healthcare professionals: We seek to maintain close working relationships with respected physicians and medical personnel in healthcare organizations, such as hospitals and universities, who assist in product research and development. We rely on these professionals to assist us in the development and improvement of proprietary products. If we are unable to maintain these relationships due to regulatory restrictions, hospital access restrictions for non-patients or for other reasons, our ability to develop, market and sell new and improved products could be adversely affected. For example, China's National Health Commission has launched an anticorruption campaign focused on investigating government officials and individuals employed by state-owned entities and public institutions in the healthcare sector, which has resulted in us seeing some limitations to physician and surgeon access. Although this has not had a material impact on our business, if other jurisdictions were to take this approach, our business could be adversely impacted.

We rely on indirect distribution channels and major distributors that are independent of Stryker: In many markets we rely on indirect distribution channels to market, distribute and sell our products. These indirect channels often are the main point of contact for the healthcare professionals and healthcare organization customers who buy and use our products. Our ability to continue to market, distribute and sell our products may be at risk if the indirect channels become insolvent, choose to sell competitive products, choose to stop selling medical technology, fail to adhere to Stryker requirements or are subject to new or additional government regulation.

We are subject to risks associated with our extensive global operations: We develop, manufacture and distribute our products globally. Our global operations are subject to risks and costs related to, among other things, changes in reimbursement; changes in regulatory requirements (such as the staggered phase-in period for manufacturers to comply with the European Union Medical Device Regulation (MDR) through December 2028); differing local product preferences and product requirements; diminished protection of intellectual property in ama countries, tariffs and other trade protection

including our acquisition of Cerus in 2023. Such investments are inherently risky, and we cannot guarantee that any acquisition will be successful or will not have a material unfavorable impact on us. The risks include the activities required and resources allocated to integrate new businesses, diversion of management time that could adversely affect management's ability to focus on other projects, the inability to realize the expected benefits, savings or synergies from the acquisition, the loss of key personnel, litigation resulting from the acquisition and exposure to unexpected liabilities of acquired companies. Certain acquisitions are subject to antitrust and competition laws, and antitrust scrutiny by regulatory agencies and changes to the regulatory approval process in the United States and foreign jurisdictions may cause approvals to take longer than anticipated to obtain, not be obtained at all, or contain burdensome conditions, which may jeopardize, delay or reduce the anticipated benefits of acquisitions to us and could impede the execution of our business strategy. In addition, we cannot be certain that the businesses we acquire will become or remain profitable.

We, our business partners or our third-party vendors could experience a material failure or breach of a key information technology system, network, process or site: We rely extensively on information technology (IT) systems to conduct business. In addition, we rely on networks and services, including internet sites, cloud and software-as-a-service solutions, data hosting and processing facilities and tools and other hardware, software (including open-source software) and technical applications platforms, some of which are managed, hosted, provided and/or used by third parties or their vendors, to assist in conducting our business. Numerous and evolving cybersecurity threats have posed, and will continue to pose, risks to the security of our IT systems, networks and product well as the confidentiality, offerings, as availability and integrity of our data. Some of our products and services, and information technology systems, contain or use open-source software, which poses particular risks, including potential security vulnerabilities, compliance issues and quality issues. We, our customers and third-party hosting services have experienced, and expect to continue to experience, security breaches of, or unauthorized access to, products or systems. While such breaches or unauthorized access have not been material to date, we cannot guarantee that any

not be immediately clear, and it may take a significant amount of time before such investigation can be completed and full and reliable information about the incident is known. New regulations may require us to disclose information about a material cybersecurity incident before it has been resolved or fully investigated. Additionally, as threats continue to evolve and increase, and as the regulatory environment related to information security, data collection and use, and privacy becomes increasingly rigorous, we may be required to devote significant additional resources to modify and enhance our security controls and to identify and remediate any security vulnerabilities, which could adversely impact our net income. In addition, a significant number of our employees working remotely has exposed us, and may continue to expose us, to greater risks related to cybersecurity and cyber-liability. If our IT systems are damaged or cease to function properly, the networks or service providers we rely upon fail to function properly, or we or one of our third-party providers suffer a loss or disclosure of our business or stakeholder information due to any number of causes ranging from catastrophic events or power outages to improper data handling or security breaches or unauthorized access and our business continuity plans do not effectively address these failures on a timely basis, we may be exposed to reputational, competitive and business harm as well as litigation and regulatory action.

An inability to successfully manage the implementation of our new commercial global enterprise resource planning (ERP) system could adversely affect operations and operating results: We are in the process of implementing a new commercial ERP system. This system will replace many of our existing operating and financial systems. The implementation is a major undertaking, both financially and from a management and personnel perspective. Any material disruptions, delays or deficiencies in the design and implementation of our new ERP system could adversely affect our ability to process orders, ship products, provide services and customer support, send invoices and track payments, contractual obligations or otherwise operate our business.

We may be unable to attract, develop and retain executives and key employees: Our sales, technical and other key personnel play an integral role in the development, marketing and selling of new and existing products. Our future

which could adversely impact our ability to recruit, hire, develop and retain a talented, competitive workforce.

Effective succession planning is also important to our long-term success. Failure to ensure effective transfer of knowledge and smooth transitions involving executives and other key employees could hinder our strategic planning and execution. Changes in our management team may be disruptive to our business, and any failure to successfully integrate key new hires or promoted employees could adversely affect our business and results of operations. The loss of the services of any of our senior management or other key personnel, or our inability to attract highly qualified senior management and other key personnel, could harm our business. Our ability to execute our business strategy could be impaired if we are unable to replace such persons timely. In addition, recent legal and regulatory changes affect our ability to enforce posttermination obligations from certain employees with respect to non-competition, non-solicitation and protection of confidential information. This may negatively impact our ability to retain employees and protect our information and relationships with customers and other third parties.

Interruption of manufacturing operations could adversely affect our business: We and our suppliers have manufacturing and supply sites all over the world. However, manufacturing of certain of our product lines is concentrated in one or more plants or geographic regions. We have principal manufacturing and distribution facilities in the United States in Arizona, California, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, Puerto Rico, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia and Washington, and outside the United States in China, France, Germany, Ireland, Mexico, the Netherlands, Poland, Switzerland and Turkey. Damage to our facilities, to our suppliers' or service providers' facilities, or to our central distribution centers as a result of natural disasters, fires, explosions or otherwise, as well as issues in our manufacturing arising from a failure to follow specific internal protocols and procedures, compliance concerns relating to the quality systems regulation, equipment breakdown or malfunction, IT system failures or cybersecurity incidents, environmental hazard incidents or changes to environmental regulations or other factors, could adversely affect the availability of our products. In the event of an interruption in manufacturing, we may be unable to move quickly to alternate means of

our business, cash flows, financial condition and results of operations. It is not possible to predict whether elective medical procedures will again be suspended or reduced in the future and, to the extent individuals and customers are required to delay or cancel elective procedures, our business, cash flows, financial condition and results of operations could be negatively affected. Further, our customers have experienced, and could continue to experience, staffing shortages that may result in decreased demand for our products, which could negatively affect our business and financial results.

In addition, during the COVID-19 pandemic our products in certain divisions, such as Medical, experienced higher demand as our customers were focused on treating COVID-19 patients and preparing for future public health emergencies. Unpredictable increases in demand for certain of our products have exceeded in the past, and could exceed in the future, our capacity to meet such demand timely, which could adversely affect our customer relationships and result in negative publicity. In this regard, the accelerated development and production of products and address services to medical and requirements could increase the risk of regulatory enforcement actions, product defects or related claims or reputational harm.

Pandemics and public health emergencies, and the fear thereof, have in the past materially adversely affected and could in the future materially adversely affect, our operations, supply chain, manufacturing, product distribution, customers and other **business activities:** In connection COVID-19, governmental authorities and private enterprises implemented, and may in the future implement in connection with another pandemic or public health emergency (or in response to the fear thereof), measures, such as travel bans and restrictions, quarantines, shelter-in-place orders and shutdowns. Our customers, global suppliers, distributors and manufacturing facilities have in the past been, and could in the future be, materially affected by restrictive measures implemented in response to a pandemic or public health emergency, which has in the past caused and could in the future cause them to be unable to hire and retain employees, distribute or use our products or provide required services. We have as a result experienced, and could in the future experience, delays in, or the suspension of, our manufacturing operations, sales activities, research and product development activities, regulatory work streams, clinical development

two proposed frameworks—Pillar One and Pillar Two—that revise the existing profit allocation and nexus rules and ensure a minimal level of taxation, respectively. On December 12, 2022, the European Union member states agreed to implement the Inclusive Framework's global corporate minimum tax rate of 15%, and various countries (both within and outside the European Union) have enacted new laws implementing Pillar Two or have proposed legislation. The OECD continues to release additional guidance on the two-pillar framework, with widespread implementation anticipated by 2024. These changes, and any additional contemplated changes, could increase tax expense.

We could be negatively impacted by future changes in the allocation of income to each of the income tax jurisdictions in which we operate: We operate in multiple income tax jurisdictions both in the United States and internationally. Accordingly, our management must determine the appropriate allocation of income to each jurisdiction based on current interpretations of complex income tax regulations. Income tax authorities regularly perform audits of our income tax filings. Income tax audits associated with the allocation of income and other complex issues, including inventory transfer pricing and cost sharing, product royalty and foreign branch arrangements, may require an extended period to resolve and may result in significant income tax adjustments.

The impact of healthcare reform legislation on our business remains uncertain: Several markets where we sell our products are making efforts to expand access to health care or health insurance coverage while decreasing costs. These efforts may have a direct or unintended negative impact on access to medical technology and could have a significant effect on our business. We cannot predict what healthcare programs and regulations could ultimately be implemented at the federal or state level or the effect that any future legislation or regulation in the United States may have on our business. Similarly, we cannot predict the impact that healthcare reform legislation in other countries where we sell our products may have on our business.

We are subject to extensive governmental regulation relating to the classification, manufacturing, sterilization, licensing, labeling, marketing and sale of our products: The classification, manufacturing, sterilization, licensing, labeling, marketing and sale of our products are subject to extensive and evolving regulations, and rigorous regulatory.

We are subject to federal, state and foreign healthcare regulations, including antibribery, anti-corruption, anti-kickback and false claims laws, globally and could face substantial penalties if we fail to comply with such regulations and laws: relationships that we, and third parties that market and/or sell our products, have with healthcare professionals, such as physicians, hospitals, healthcare organizations and others, are subject to scrutiny under various state and federal laws often referred to collectively as healthcare fraud and abuse laws. In addition, the United States and foreign government regulators have increased the enforcement of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) and other antibribery and anti-kickback laws. We also must comply with a variety of other laws that impose extensive tracking and reporting related to all transfers of value provided to certain healthcare professionals and others. These laws and regulations are broad in scope and are subject to evolving interpretation and we have in the past been, and in the future could be, required to incur substantial costs to investigate, audit and monitor compliance or to alter our practices. Violations or alleged violations of these laws could result in litigation and we may be subject to criminal or civil penalties and sanctions, including substantial fines, imprisonment of current or former employees and exclusion from participation in governmental healthcare programs. In 2013 and 2018 we settled claims brought by the SEC related to the FCPA. Pursuant to these settlements, we paid fines and penalties and retained an independent compliance consultant. We continue to implement recommendations that resulted from the independent compliance consultant's review of our commercial practices to enhance our commercial business practices. In addition, we are currently investigating whether certain business activities in certain foreign countries violated provisions of the FCPA and have been contacted by the SEC, United States Department of Justice and certain other regulatory authorities. Although we are currently unable to predict the outcome investigations or the potential impact, if any, on our financial statements, the impacts could potentially be significant.

We are subject to privacy, data protection and data security regulations and laws globally, and could face substantial penalties if we fail to comply with such regulations and laws: We are subject to a variety of laws and regulations globally regarding the case of data breaches, have increased and may further increase.

We may be adversely affected by product liability claims, unfavorable court decisions or legal settlements: We are exposed to potential product liability risks inherent in the design, manufacture and marketing of medical devices, many of which are implanted in the human body for long periods of time or indefinitely. We are currently defendants in a number of product liability matters, including those relating to our Rejuvenate and ABGII Modular-Neck hip stems, LFIT Anatomic CoCr V40 Femoral Heads and the product liability lawsuits and claims relating to Wright Medical Group N.V. (Wright) legacy hip products discussed in Note 7 to our Consolidated Financial Statements. These matters are subject to uncertainties outcomes are not predictable. Further, the European Representative Actions Directive (the Collective Redress Directive), which became effective in 2023, mandates a class action regime in each EU member state to facilitate domestic and cross-border class actions in a wide range of areas, including product liability claims with medical devices. The Collective Redress Directive could result in additional litigation risks and significant legal expenses. In addition, we may incur significant legal expenses or reputational damage for product liability claims regardless of whether we are found to be liable.

Intellectual property litigation and infringement claims could cause us to incur significant expenses or prevent us from selling certain of our products: The medical device industry is characterized by extensive intellectual property litigation and, from time to time, we are the subject of claims of infringement or misappropriation. Regardless of the outcome, such claims are expensive to defend and divert management and operating personnel from other business issues. A successful claim or claims of patent or other intellectual property infringement against us could result in payment of significant monetary damages and/or royalty payments or negatively impact our ability to sell current or future products in the affected category.

Dependence on patent and other proprietary rights and failing to protect such rights or to be successful in litigation related to such rights may impact offerings in our product portfolios: Our long-term success largely depends on our ability to market technologically competitive products. If we fail to obtain or maintain adequate intellectual property protection, it could allow others to sell products.

acquisitions and the need to refinance existing debt. Our ability to issue additional debt or enter into other financing arrangements on acceptable terms could be adversely affected by our debt levels, unfavorable changes in economic conditions or uncertainties that affect the capital markets. Changes in credit ratings issued by nationally recognized credit rating agencies could also adversely affect our access to and cost of financing. Higher borrowing costs or the inability to access capital markets could adversely affect our ability to support future growth and operating requirements. In addition, we have experienced, and could in the future experience, loss of sales and profits due to delayed payments or insolvency of healthcare professionals, hospitals and other customers and suppliers facing liquidity issues due to the current macroeconomic environment, type and number of conditions being treated or for other reasons. As a result, we may be compelled to take additional measures to preserve our cash flow, including through the reduction of operating expenses or suspension of dividend payments.

ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE RISKS

We could be negatively impacted by corporate responsibility and sustainabilityrelated matters: Governments, investors, customers, employees and other stakeholders have been increasingly focused on corporate responsibility practices and disclosures, and expectations in this area continue to rapidly evolve. On occasion, we announce new initiatives, including goals, under our corporate responsibility framework. This framework is aligned with our areas of interest, which include environment and sustainability, social impact, diversity, equity and inclusion and supply chain management, among others. Implementation of these goals and initiatives involves risks and uncertainties, requires investments and depends in part on third-party performance or data that is outside our control. We cannot guarantee that we will achieve our announced corporate responsibility goals and initiatives. The criteria by which our corporate responsibility practices are assessed may change due to the quickly evolving landscape, which could result in greater regulatory requirements or expectations of us and cause us to undertake costly initiatives to satisfy such new criteria. Moreover, the increasing attention to corporate responsibility initiatives could also result in reduced demand for our products, reduced profits and increased investigations and litigation. If we are unable to

designed to mitigate the effects of climate change, which could include the adoption of more stringent environmental laws and regulations or stricter enforcement of existing laws and regulations. Such developments could result in increased compliance costs and adverse impacts on raw material availability and sourcing, manufacturing operations and the distribution of our products, which could adversely affect our operations and operating results.

ITEM 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS.

None.

ITEM 1C. CYBERSECURITY.

RISK MANAGEMENT AND STRATEGY

We review cybersecurity risk as part of our overall enterprise risk management program. This ensures that cybersecurity risk management remains a top priority in our business strategy and operations.

MANAGEMENT'S ROLE IN MANAGING RISK

Primary management responsibility for assessing, monitoring and managing our cybersecurity risks rests with our chief information security officer ("CISO"). Our current CISO has over 30 years of experience in information technology including over 20 years in cybersecurity and oversees a team of cybersecurity professionals with over 140 security, risk, and compliance certifications. The CISO is regularly informed about recent developments cybersecurity, in including potential threats and innovative risk management techniques.

The CISO implements and oversees processes for the regular monitoring of our information systems. We use various tools and methodologies to manage cybersecurity risk that are tested regularly. We also monitor and evaluate our cybersecurity posture and performance on an ongoing basis through regular vulnerability scans, penetration tests and threat intelligence feeds. In addition, we engage third-party consultants to conduct annual cybersecurity assessments and to conduct audits for compliance with regulatory, Sarbanes-Oxley Act, Service Organization Control Type 2 and International Organization for Standardization standards. We also engage third parties to assess our cybersecurity maturity and risk management programs.

We use a cross-departmental approach to addressing cybersecurity risk, with our cybersecurity, product security and legal teams presenting quarterly on key topics to a committee of leaders in finance, regulatory, and corporate In the event of a cybersecurity incident, we have incident response plan that includes immediate actions to mitigate the impact and long-term strategies for remediation prevention of future incidents. The cybersecurity and product security teams routinely practice this plan with functions across the organization. We conduct tabletop with exercises senior management, during which we practice the procedures in place to ensure that potentially material cybersecurity risks and incidents are escalated to management and the Board of Directors where applicable.

GOVERNANCE

Cybersecurity risks are overseen by the full Board of Directors and the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee is central to the Board of Directors' oversight of cybersecurity risks and bears the primary responsibility for overseeing cybersecurity risk. The Audit Committee actively participates in strategic decisions related to cybersecurity, offering guidance and approval for major cybersecurity initiatives. This involvement ensures that cybersecurity considerations are integrated into our broader strategic objectives.

Our CISO provides comprehensive updates to the Audit Committee quarterly and the full Board of Directors at least annually. These briefings include a range of topics, including:

- Current cybersecurity landscape and emerging threats;
- Status of ongoing cybersecurity initiatives and strategies;
- Incident reports and learnings from any cybersecurity events;
- Metrics demonstrating company and industrystandard prevention of common threats; and
- Regulatory changes impacting cybersecurity requirements and strategy.

The Board of Directors is aware of the critical nature of managing risks associated with cybersecurity threats and is actively engaged in our cybersecurity risk management strategy.

RISKS FROM CYBERSECURITY THREATS

Although cybersecurity risks have not materially affected us, including our business strategy, results of operations or financial condition, to date, we face numerous and evolving cybersecurity threats in our business. For more information about the cybersecurity risks we face, see the risk factor entitled "We, our business partners or our third-party vendors could experience a material failure or breach of a key information technology system, network, process

PART II

ITEM 5. MARKET FOR THE REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES.

Our common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol SYK.

Our Board of Directors considers payment of cash dividends at its quarterly meetings. On January 31, 2024 there were 2,501 shareholders of record of our common stock.

We did not repurchase any shares in the three months ended December 31, 2023 and the total dollar value of shares that could be acquired under our authorized repurchase program at December 31, 2023 was \$1,033.

In the fourth quarter 2023 we issued 5 shares of our common stock as performance incentive awards to employees. These shares were not registered under the Securities Act of 1933 based on the conclusion that the awards were not events of sale within the meaning of Section 2(a) (3) of the Act.

The following graph compares our total returns (including reinvestment of dividends) against the Standard & Poor's (S&P) 500 Index and the S&P 500 Health Care Index. The graph assumes \$100 (not in millions) invested on December 31, 2018 in our common stock and each of the indices.

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Index	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Stryker						
Corporation	\$100.00	\$135.33	\$159.91	\$176.26	\$163.19	\$202.03
S&P 500						
Index	\$ 100.00	\$ 131.49	\$ 155.68	\$ 200.37	\$ 164.08	\$ 207.21
S&P 500						
Health Care						
Index	\$ 100.00	\$ 120.82	\$ 137.07	\$ 172.89	\$ 169.51	\$ 173.00

ITEM 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA.

Statement of Earnings Data	2023		2022	_	2021		2020	_	2019
Net sales	\$20,498	\$	18,449	\$:	17,108	\$:	14,351	\$	14,884
Cost of sales	7,440)	6,871		6,140		5,294	_	5,188
Gross profit	\$13,058	\$	11,578	\$:	10,968	\$	9,057	\$	9,696
Research, development and engineering expenses	1,388	?	1,454		1,235		984		971
Selling, general and administrative expenses	7,129		6,455		6,427		5,361		5,356
Recall charges, net	18		(15)		103		17		192
Amortization of intangible assets	635		627		619		472		464
Goodwill impairment	_	-	216		_		_		_
Total operating expenses	\$ 9,170	-) \$		\$	8,384	\$	6,834	-	6,983
Operating income	\$ 3,888		2,841	÷	2,584	_	2,223	_	2,713
Other income (expense), net	(215	-	(158)	Ψ	(303)	Ψ	(269)	Ψ	(151)
Earnings before income taxes	\$ 3,673		2,683	_	2,281	_	1,954	_	2,562
Income taxes	508		325	Ψ	287	Ψ	355	Ψ	479
	\$ 3,165		2,358	_	1,994	_	1,599	_ \$	2,083
Net earnings	=====	_ -	2,330	=		=		=	2,003
Net earnings per share of common stock:									
Basic	\$ 8.34	l \$	6.23	\$	5.29	\$	4.26	\$	5.57
Diluted	\$ 8.25	5 \$	6.17	\$	5.21	\$	4.20	\$	5.48
Dividends declared per share of common	\$ 3.050		2 025	+	2 505	.	2 255	+	2 125
stock	\$ 3.050) \$	2.835	Þ	2.585	Þ	2.355	Þ	2.135
Balance Sheet Data									
Cash, cash equivalents and current									
marketable securities	\$ 3,053	3 \$	1,928	\$	3,019	\$	3,024	\$	4,425
Accounts receivable, net	3,765	5	3,565		3,022		2,701		2,893
Inventories	4,843	3	3,995		3,314		3,494		2,980
Property, plant and equipment, net	3,215	5	2,970		2,833		2,752		2,567
Total assets	\$39,912	2 \$	36,884	\$3	34,631	\$3	34,330	\$3	30,167
Accounts payable	1,517	7	1,413		1,129		810		675
Total debt	12,995	5	13,048		12,479		13,991		11,090
Shareholders' equity	\$18,593	\$	16,616	\$	14,877	\$	13,084	\$	12,807
Cash Flow Data									
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 3,711	. \$	2,624	\$	3,263	\$	3,277	\$	2,191
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	575	5	588		525		487		649
Depreciation	393	3	371		371		340		314
Acquisitions, net of cash acquired	390)	2,563		339		4,222		802
Amortization of intangible assets	635	5	627		619		472		464
Payments of dividends	1,139)	1,051		950		863		778
Repurchase of common stock	_	-	_		_		_		307
Other Data									
Number of shareholders of record	2,518	3	2,533		2,551		2,597		2,636
Approximate number of employees	52,000)	51,000		46,000		43,000		40,000

ITEM 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS.

About Stryker

Stryker is a global leader in medical technologies and, together with our customers, we are driven to make healthcare better. We offer innovative products and services in MedSurg, Neurotechnology, Orthopaedics and Spine that help improve patient and healthcare outcomes. Alongside our customers around the world, we impact more than 150 million patients annually. Our goal is to achieve sales growth at the highend of the medical technology (MedTech) industry and maintain our long-term capital allocation strategy that prioritizes: (1) Acquisitions, (2) Dividends and (3) Share repurchases.

Macroeconomic Environment

The global economy continues to experience increased inflationary pressures in part due to global supply chain disruptions, labor shortages and other impacts of the macroeconomic environment which we anticipate will continue. Higher interest rates and capital costs, higher shipping costs, increased costs of labor, fluctuating foreign currency exchange rates and the military conflicts in Russia and Ukraine and the Middle East create additional economic challenges and uncertainties. These conditions may cause our customers to decrease or delay orders for our products and services, and the higher interest rates may impact deal mix for our capital products.

Overview of 2023

In 2023 we achieved reported net sales growth of 11.1%. Excluding the impact of acquisitions and divestitures, sales grew 11.5% in constant currency. We reported net earnings of \$3,165 and net earnings per diluted share of \$8.25. Excluding the impact

of certain items, we achieved adjusted net earnings⁽¹⁾ of \$4,066 and adjusted net earnings per diluted share⁽¹⁾ of \$10.60 representing growth of 13.5%.

We continued our capital allocation strategy by investing \$390 in acquisitions and paying \$1,139 in dividends to our shareholders.

In May 2023 we acquired Cerus for net cash consideration of \$289 and up to \$225 in future milestone payments. Cerus designs, develops and manufactures neurovascular products used for the treatment of hemorrhagic stroke. Cerus is part of our Neurovascular business within MedSurg and Neurotechnology. Refer to Note 6 to our Consolidated Financial Statements for further information.

During 2023 we made payments of \$850 to extinguish the remaining balance on the \$1.5 billion term loan scheduled to mature February 22, 2025.

In August 2023 we issued €500 of floating rate senior notes due November 16, 2024. The notes bear interest at a rate based on the three-month Euro Interbank Offered Rate (EURIBOR) plus 0.3%. The notes are callable at February 16, 2024, May 16, 2024 or October 16, 2024 either by us or at the option of the notes holders.

In November 2023 we repaid the outstanding €550 principal amount of 1.125% senior unsecured notes due November 30, 2023 and in December 2023 we repaid the outstanding \$600 principal amount of 0.600% senior unsecured notes due December 1, 2023. We subsequently issued \$600 of 4.850% senior unsecured notes due December 8, 2028 and €600 of 3.375% senior unsecured notes due December 11, 2028.

⁽¹⁾ Refer to "Non-GAAP Financial Measures" for a discussion of non-GAAP financial measures used in this report and a reconciliation to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure.

				Percent Net Sales		les	Percentag	e Change
	2023	2022	2021	2023	2022	2021	2023 vs. 2022	2022 vs. 2021
Net sales	\$ 20,498	\$ 18,449	\$ 17,108	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	11.1 %	7.8 %
Gross profit	13,058	11,578	10,968	63.7	62.8	64.1	12.8	5.6
Research, development and								
engineering expenses	1,388	1,454	1,235	6.8	7.9	7.2	(4.5)	17.7
Selling, general and administrative								
expenses	7,129	6,455	6,427	34.8	35.0	37.6	10.4	0.4
Recall charges, net	18	(15)	103	0.1	(0.1)	0.6	nm	nm
Amortization of intangible assets	635	627	619	3.1	3.4	3.6	1.3	1.3
Goodwill impairment	_	216	_	_	1.2	_	nm	nm
Other income (expense), net	(215)	(158)	(303)	(1.0)	(0.9)	(1.8)	36.1	(47.9)
Income taxes	508	325	287	nm	nm	nm	56.3	13.2
Net earnings	\$ 3,165	\$ 2,358	\$ 1,994	15.4 %	12.8 %	11.7 %	34.2 %	18.3 %
Net earnings per diluted share	\$ 8.25	\$ 6.17	\$ 5.21				33.7 %	18.4 %
Adjusted net earnings per diluted								
share ⁽¹⁾	\$ 10.60	\$ 9.34	\$ 9.09				13.5 %	2.8 %

nm - not meaningful

Dollar amounts in millions except per share amounts or as otherwise specified.

				Percentage Change				
Geographic and Segment Net Sales	;			2023 vs	s. 2022	2022 vs. 2021		
				As	Constant	As	Constant	
	2023	2022	2021	Reported	Currency	Reported	Currency	
Geographic:								
United States	\$ 15,257	\$ 13,638	\$ 12,321	11.9 %	11.9 %	10.7 %	10.7 %	
International	5,241	4,811	4,787	8.9	10.9	0.5	11.7	
Total	\$ 20,498	\$ 18,449	\$ 17,108	11.1 %	11.6 %	7.8 %	11.0 %	
Segment:								
MedSurg and Neurotechnology	\$ 11,836	\$ 10,611	\$ 9,538	11.5 %	12.1 %	11.2 %	14.1 %	
Orthopaedics and Spine	8,662	7,838	7,570	10.5	11.1	3.5	7.0	
Total	\$ 20,498	\$ 18,449	\$ 17,108	11.1 %	11.6 %	7.8 %	11.0 %	

Supplemental Net Sales Growth Information

								Percentag	je Change				
					20	23 vs. 202	2			20	22 vs. 202	1	
						United States	Interna	ational			United States	Interna	ntional
				As	Constant	As	As	Constant	As	Constant	As	As	Constant
	2023	2022	2021	Reported	Currency	Reported	Reported	Currency	Reported	Currency	Reported I	Reported	Currency
MedSurg and Neurotechnology:													
Instruments	\$ 2,569 \$	2,279 \$	2,111	12.7 %	13.0 %	13.3 %	10.4 %	11.8 %	8.0 %	10.4 %	10.6 %	(0.9)%	10.0 %
Endoscopy	3,033	2,725	2,418	11.3	11.7	12.1	7.6	9.9	12.7	15.2	13.8	8.3	20.9
Medical	3,459	3,031	2,607	14.1	14.4	15.0	10.8	12.3	16.2	18.6	20.6	1.5	11.7
Neurovascular	1,226	1,200	1,188	2.1	4.0	8.1	(1.4)	1.5	1.1	7.2	(0.9)	2.3	12.2
Neuro Cranial	1,549	1,376	1,214	12.6	13.0	11.9	16.1	18.4	13.3	15.4	14.9	6.1	17.5
	\$11,836 \$	10,611 \$	9,538	11.5 %	12.1 %	13.0 %	7.0 %	9.1 %	11.2 %	14.1 %	14.2 %	3.0 %	13.8 %
Orthopaedics and Spine:													
Knees	\$ 2,273 \$	1,997 \$	1,848	13.9 %	14.4 %	12.2 %	18.8 %	20.9 %	8.0 %	11.2 %	10.6 %	1.0 %	12.9 %
Hips	1,544	1,413	1,342	9.2	10.4	10.1	7.7	10.7	5.3	10.1	9.1	(0.6)	11.5
Trauma and Extremities	3,147	2,807	2,664	12.1	12.2	12.9	10.1	10.5	5.4	8.7	9.0	(3.2)	8.0
Spine	1,189	1,146	1,167	3.8	4.0	5.7	(1.6)	(0.9)	(1.8)	1.1	0.6	(7.7)	2.4
Other	509	475	549	7.1	8.8	(2.0)	33.8	40.9	(13.3)	(10.3)	(16.9)	(0.9)	12.8
	\$ 8,662 \$	7,838 \$	7,570	10.5 %	11.1 %	10.2 %	11.2 %	13.0 %	3.5 %	7.0 %	6.0 %	(2.2)%	9.3 %
Total	\$20,498 \$	18,449 \$	17,108	11.1 %	11.6 %	11.9 %	8.9 %	10.9 %	7.8 %	11.0 %	10.7 %	0.5 %	11.7 %

Note: Beginning in the first quarter 2023 we consolidated Other MedSurg and Neurotechnology into Endoscopy as Other MedSurg and Neurotechnology (primarily Sustainability Solutions) has been fully

integrated into our Endoscopy business. Endoscopy includes sales related to Other of \$343, \$302 and \$277 for 2023, 2022 and 2021. We have reflected these changes in all historical periods presented.

Consolidated Net Sales

Consolidated net sales in 2023 increased 11.1% as reported and 11.6% in constant currency, as foreign currency exchange rates negatively impacted net sales by 0.5%. Excluding the 0.1% impact of acquisitions and divestitures, net sales in constant currency increased by 10.9% from increased unit volume and 0.6% due to higher prices. The unit volume increase was primarily due to higher shipments across all product lines.

Consolidated net sales in 2022 increased 7.8% as reported and 11.0% in constant currency, as foreign currency exchange rates negatively impacted net sales by 3.2%. Excluding the 1.3% impact of acquisitions and divestitures, net sales in constant currency increased by 10.6% from increased unit volume partially offset by 0.9% due to lower prices. The unit volume increase was due to higher shipments across all MedSurg and Neurotechnology products and most Orthopaedics and Spine products.

MedSurg and Neurotechnology Net Sales

MedSurg and Neurotechnology net sales in 2023 increased 11.5% as reported and 12.1% in constant currency, as foreign currency exchange rates negatively impacted net sales by 0.6%. Excluding the 0.3% impact of acquisitions and divestitures, net sales in constant currency increased by 10.2% from increased unit volume and 1.6% due to higher prices. The unit volume increase was due to higher shipments across all MedSurg and Neurotechnology products.

MedSurg and Neurotechnology net sales in 2022 increased 11.2% as reported and 14.1% in constant currency, as foreign currency exchange rates negatively impacted net sales by 2.9%. Excluding the 2.3% impact of acquisitions and divestitures, net sales in constant currency increased by 11.2% from increased unit volume and 0.6% due to higher prices. The unit volume increase was due to higher shipments across all MedSurg and Neurotechnology products.

Orthopaedics and Spine Net Sales

Orthopaedics and Spine net sales in 2023 increased 10.5% as reported and 11.1% in constant currency, as foreign currency exchange rates negatively impacted net sales by 0.6%. Net sales in constant currency increased by 11.9% from increased unit volume partially offset by 0.8% due to lower prices. The unit volume increase was due to higher shipments across all Orthopaedics and Spine products.

Orthopaedics and Spine net sales in 2022 increased 3.5% as reported and 7.0% in constant currency, as foreign currency exchange rates negatively impacted net sales by 3.5%. Net sales in constant currency increased by 9.9% from increased unit volume partially offset by 2.9% due to lower prices. The unit volume increase was due to higher shipments across most Orthopaedics and Spine products.

Gross Profit

Gross profit was \$13,058, \$11,578 and \$10,968 in 2023, 2022, and 2021. The key components of the change were:

Dollar amounts in millions except per share amounts or as otherwise specified.

	Gross Profit
	Percent Net
	Sales
2021	64.1 %
Sales pricing	(30) bps
Volume and mix	110 bps
Manufacturing and supply chain costs	(360) bps
Inventory stepped up to fair value	150 bps
2022	62.8 %
Sales pricing	20 bps
Volume and mix	100 bps
Manufacturing and supply chain costs	(40) bps
Inventory stepped up to fair value	10 bps
2023	63.7 %

Gross profit as a percentage of net sales increased to 63.7% in 2023 from 62.8% in 2022 due to higher sales pricing and favorable volume offset by higher manufacturing and supply chain costs primarily due to higher raw material costs in the first six months of 2023 and supply chain inefficiencies.

Gross profit as a percentage of net sales decreased to 62.8% in 2022 from 64.1% in 2021 due to higher manufacturing and supply chain costs primarily due to increased costs from purchases of electronic components at premium prices on the spot market and other inflationary pressures, primarily related to labor, steel and transportation, as well as inefficiencies from supply chain disruptions partially offset by favorable volume and lower amortization of inventory stepped up to fair value.

While segment mix was not a significant driver of the change in gross profit as a percent of net sales between 2023, 2022 and 2021, we generally expect segment mix to have an unfavorable impact for the foreseeable future as we anticipate more rapid sales growth in our lower gross margin MedSurg and Neurotechnology segment than our Orthopaedics and Spine segment.

Research, Development and Engineering Expenses

Research, development and engineering expenses as a percentage of net sales in 2023 decreased to 6.8% from 7.9% in 2022 primarily due to increased spending for product launches, the write-off of certain intangible assets and higher spend related to medical device regulations in the European Union in 2022.

Research, development and engineering

certain commercial and regulatory milestones related to technology acquired in the purchase of Mobius Imaging and Cardan Robotics were no longer probable of being achieved and recorded \$110 to reduce the fair value of contingent consideration. In addition, we recorded charges of \$132 related to share-based awards for Vocera employees that vested upon our acquisition in 2022.

Recall Charges, Net

Recall charges, net were \$18, (\$15) and \$103 in 2023, 2022 and 2021. Charges in 2021 were primarily due to the previously disclosed Rejuvenate and ABGII Modular-Neck hip stems and LFIT Anatomic CoCr V40 Femoral Heads voluntary recalls. Refer to Note 7 to our Consolidated Financial Statements for further information.

Amortization of Intangible Assets

Amortization of intangible assets was \$635, \$627 and \$619 in 2023, 2022 and 2021. These amounts include amortization related to intangible assets acquired in the second quarter 2023 from Cerus and in the first quarter 2022 from Vocera. Refer to Notes 6 and 8 to our Consolidated Financial Statements for further information.

Goodwill Impairment

In 2022 we recorded a goodwill impairment charge of \$216 related to our Spine business. Refer to Note 8 to our Consolidated Financial Statements for further information.

Operating Income

Operating income was \$3,888, \$2,841 and \$2,584 in 2023, 2022 and 2021. Operating income increased as a percentage of sales to 19.0% in 2023 from 15.4% in 2022 and from 15.1% in 2021. Refer to the comments above for discussion of the primary drivers of the change.

MedSurg and Neurotechnology operating income as a percentage of net sales increased to 28.2% in 2023 from 25.8% in 2022. MedSurg and Neurotechnology operating income as a percentage of net sales decreased to 25.8% in 2022 from 29.4% in 2021. Orthopaedics and Spine operating income as a percentage of net sales decreased to 27.7% in 2023 from 29.3% in 2022. Orthopaedics and Spine operating income as a percentage of net sales increased to 29.3% in 2022 from 28.8% in 2021. The key components of the change were:

Operating Income
Percent Net Sales

manufacturing and supply chain costs due to supply chain challenges impacting capital products in our MedSurg businesses in 2022 which improved in 2023 partially offset by higher selling, general and administrative expenses due to continued investments including sales growth incentives and a more normalized cadence of travel and meetings.

The decrease in MedSurg and Neurotechnology operating income as a percentage of net sales in 2022 from 2021 was primarily driven by higher manufacturing and supply chain costs due to supply chain challenges impacting capital products in our MedSurg businesses and higher selling, general and administrative expenses due to a return to more normal levels following the COVID pandemic partially offset by higher unit volumes and prices.

The decrease in Orthopaedics and Spine operating income as a percentage of net sales for 2023 from 2022 was primarily driven by higher selling, general and administrative expenses due to continued investments including sales growth incentives and a more normalized cadence of travel and meetings and higher manufacturing and supply chain costs primarily due to increased inventory reserves partially offset by higher unit volumes.

The increase in Orthopaedics and Spine operating income as a percentage of net sales for 2022 from 2021 was primarily driven by higher unit volumes partially offset by lower prices.

Other Income (Expense), Net

Other income (expense), net was (\$215), (\$158) and (\$303) in 2023, 2022 and 2021. The increase in net expense in 2023 compared to 2022 was primarily due to the release of accrued interest of \$50 in 2022 related to the effective settlement of the United States federal income tax audit for years 2014 through 2018. Refer to Note 11 to our Consolidated Financial Statements for further information. The decrease in net expense in 2022 compared to 2021 was primarily due to the aforementioned release of accrued interest and higher interest income in 2022.

Income Taxes

Our effective tax rate was 13.8%, 12.1% and 12.6% for 2023, 2022 and 2021. The effective income tax rate for 2023 increased from 2022 due to the 2022 effective settlement of the United States federal income tax audit for years 2014 through 2018 and the 2022 reversal of deferred income tax on undistributed earnings of foreign subsidiaries partially offset by the 2023 tax effect related to transfers of intellectual property

including percentage sales growth in constant currency; percentage organic sales growth; adjusted gross profit; adjusted selling, general and administrative expenses; adjusted research, development and engineering expenses; adjusted operating income; adjusted other (expense), net; adjusted income taxes; adjusted effective income tax rate; adjusted net earnings; and adjusted net earnings per diluted share (Diluted EPS). We believe these non-GAAP financial measures provide meaningful information to assist investors and shareholders in understanding our financial results and assessing our prospects for future performance. Management believes percentage sales growth in constant currency and the other adjusted measures described above are important indicators of our operations because they exclude items that may not be indicative of or are unrelated to our core operating results and provide a baseline for analyzing trends in our underlying businesses. Management uses these non-GAAP financial measures for reviewing the operating results of reportable business segments and analyzing potential future business trends in connection with our budget process and bases certain management incentive compensation on these non-GAAP financial measures. To measure percentage sales growth in constant currency, we remove the impact of changes in foreign currency exchange rates that affect the comparability and trend of sales. Percentage sales growth in constant currency is calculated by translating current and prior year results at the same foreign currency exchange rate. To measure percentage organic sales growth, we remove the impact of changes in foreign currency exchange rates, acquisitions and divestitures, which affect the comparability and trend of sales. Percentage organic sales growth is calculated by translating current year and prior year results at the same foreign currency exchange rates excluding the impact of acquisitions and divestitures. To measure earnings performance on a consistent and comparable basis, we exclude certain items that affect the comparability of operating results and the trend of earnings. The income tax effect of each adjustment was determined based on the tax effect of the jurisdiction in which the related adjustment was recorded. adjustments are irregular in timing and may not be indicative of our past and future performance. The following are examples of the types of adjustments that may be included in a period:

Acquisition and integration-related costs.

Costs related to integrating recently acquired.

quality system, product labeling, asset writeoffs and product remanufacturing to comply with the new medical device reporting regulations and other requirements of the European Union.

- Recall-related matters. Changes in our best estimate of the probable loss, or the minimum of the range of probable losses when a best estimate within a range is not known, to resolve the Rejuvenate, LFIT V40, Wright legacy hip products and other product recalls.
- Regulatory and legal matters. Changes in our best estimate of the probable loss, or the minimum of the range of probable losses when a best estimate within a range is not known, to resolve certain regulatory or other legal matters and the amount of favorable awards from settlements.
- 7. Tax matters. Impact of accounting for certain significant and discrete tax items.

Because non-GAAP financial measures are not standardized, it may not be possible to compare these financial measures with other companies' non-GAAP financial measures having the same

or similar names. These adjusted financial measures should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for reported sales growth, gross selling, general and administrative profit, expenses, research, development engineering expenses, operating income, other income (expense), net, income taxes, effective income tax rate, net earnings and net earnings per diluted share, the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures. These non-GAAP financial measures are an additional way of viewing aspects of our operations when viewed with our GAAP results and the reconciliations to corresponding GAAP financial measures at the end of the discussion of Consolidated Results of Operations below. We strongly encourage investors and shareholders to review our financial statements and publicly-filed reports in their entirety and not to rely on any single financial measure.

The weighted-average diluted shares outstanding used in the calculation of adjusted net earnings per diluted share are the same as those used in the calculation of reported net earnings per diluted share for the respective period.

Reconciliation of the Most Directly Comparable GAAP Financial Measure to Non-GAAP Financial Measure

Research,

		Selling,	Development		Other				
		General &	&		Income				
	Gross	Administrative	Engineering	Operating	(Expense),	Income	Net	Effective D	Diluted
2023	Profit	Expenses	Expenses	Income	Net	Taxes	Earnings	Tax Rate	EPS
Reported	\$13,058	\$ 7,129	\$ 1,388	\$ 3,888	\$ (215)	\$ 508	\$ 3,165	13.8 % \$	8.25
Acquisition and integration-related costs:									
Inventory stepped-up to fair value	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Other acquisition and integration-related (a)	_	(20)	_	20	_	(25)	45	(8.0)	0.12
Amortization of purchased intangible assets	_	_	_	635	_	132	503	1.2	1.31
Structural optimization and other special charges									
(b)	39	(166)	(1)	206	_	47	159	0.5	0.42
Goodwill impairment	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Medical device regulations (c)	2	_	(94)	96	_	22	74	0.2	0.19
Recall-related matters (d)	_	_	_	18	_	4	14	_	0.04
Regulatory and legal matters (e)	_	(92)	_	92	_	29	63	0.4	0.16
Tax matters (f)	_	_	_	_	(8)	(51)	43	(1.2)	0.11
Adjusted	\$13,099	\$ 6,851	\$ 1,293	\$ 4,955	\$ (223)	\$ 666	\$ 4,066	14.1 % \$	10.60

Research,

		Selling,	Development		Other				
		General &	&		Income				
	Gross	Administrative	Engineering	Operating	(Expense),	Income	Net	Effective	Diluted
2022	Profit	Expenses	Expenses	Income	Net	Taxes	Earnings	Tax Rate	EPS
Reported	\$11,578	\$ 6,455	\$ 1,454	\$ 2,841	\$ (158)	\$ 325	\$ 2,358	12.1 %	\$ 6.17
Acquisition and integration-related costs:									
Inventory stepped-up to	12	_	_	12	_	3	9	_	0.02
Other acquisition and integration-related (a)	_	(138)	_	138	_	34	104	0.5	0.27
Amortization of purchased intangible assets	_	_	_	627	_	132	495	1.7	1.30
Structural optimization and other special charges									
(b)	56	(206)	(87)	349	_	66	283	0.7	0.74
Goodwill impairment	_	_	_	216	_	_	216	(1.1)	0.57
Medical device regulations (c)	3	_	(137)	140	_	25	115	0.2	0.30
Recall-related matters (d)	_	_	_	(15)	_	(3)	(12)	_	(0.03)
Regulatory and legal matters (e)	_	(76)	_	76	_	7	69	(0.2)	0.18
Tax matters (f)	_	_	_	_	(75)	(9)	(66)	0.1	(0.18)
Adjusted	\$11,649	\$ 6,035	\$ 1,230	\$ 4,384	\$ (233)	\$ 580	\$ 3,571	14.0 %	\$ 9.34

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Research,

			-						
		Selling,	Development		Other				
		General &	&		Income				
	Gross	Administrative	Engineering	Operating	(Expense),	Income	Net	Effective	Diluted
2021	Profit	Expenses	Expenses	Income	Net	Taxes	Earnings	Tax Rate	EPS
Reported	\$10,968	\$ 6,427	\$ 1,235	\$ 2,584	\$ (303)	\$ 287	\$ 1,994	12.6 %	\$ 5.21
Acquisition and integration-related costs:									
Inventory stepped-up to fair value	266	_	_	266	_	63	203	1.0	0.53
Other acquisition and integration-related (a)	_	(319)	_	319	_	75	244	1.2	0.64
Amortization of purchased intangible assets	_	_	_	619	_	130	489	1.6	1.28
Structural optimization and other special charges									
(b) Goodwill impairment	28 —	(358)	_	386	11 _	52 —	345 —	(0.3)	0.90
Medical device regulations	5	_	(102)	107	_	17	90	_	0.24
Recall-related matters (d)	_	_	_	103	_	14	89	_	0.23
Regulatory and legal matters (e)	_	2	_	(2)	(7)	3	(12)	0.2	(0.02)
Tax matters (f)		_	_			(32)	32	(1.4)	0.08
Adjusted	\$11,267	\$ 5,752	\$ 1,133	\$ 4,382	\$ (299)	\$ 609	\$ 3,474	14.9 %	\$ 9.09

(a) Charges represent certain acquisition and integration-related costs associated with acquisitions, including:

	2	023	2022	2021
Termination of sales relationships	\$	5 \$	21 \$	154
Employee retention and workforce reductions		6	33	90
Changes in the fair value of contingent consideration		(1)	(135)	_
Manufacturing integration costs		2	32	16
Stock compensation payments upon a change in control		_	132	_
Other integration-related activities		8	55	59
Adjustments to Operating Income	\$	20 \$	138 \$	319
Charges for acquisition-related tax provisions		(30)	_	_
Other income taxes related to acquisition and integration-related costs		5	34	75
Adjustments to Income Taxes	\$	(25) \$	34 \$	75
Adjustments to Net Earnings	\$	45 \$	104 \$	244

⁽b) Structural optimization and other special charges represent the costs associated with:

	202	23	2022	2021
Employee retention and workforce reductions	\$	69 \$	74 \$	39
Closure/transfer of manufacturing and other facilities		50	83	52
Product line exits		32	80	61
Certain long-lived and intangible asset write-offs and impairments		28	96	203
Other charges		27	16	31
Adjustments to Operating Income	\$	206 \$	349 \$	386
Adjustments to Other Income (Expense), Net	\$	- \$	- \$	11
Adjustments to Income Taxes	\$	47 \$	66 \$	52
Adjustments to Net Earnings	\$	159 \$	283 \$	345

- (c) Charges represent the costs specific to updating our quality system, product labeling, asset write-offs and product remanufacturing to comply with the medical device reporting regulations and other requirements of the new medical device regulations in the European Union.
- (d) Charges represent changes in our best estimate of the probable loss, or the minimum of the range of probable losses when a best estimate within a range is not known, to resolve certain recall-related matters.
- (e) Charges represent changes in our best estimate of the probable loss, or the minimum of the range of probable losses when a best estimate within a range is not known, to resolve certain regulatory or other legal matters and the amount of favorable awards from settlements.
- (f) Benefits / (charges) represent the accounting impact of certain significant and discrete tax items, including:

	2023	2022	2021
Adjustments related to the transfer of certain intellectual properties between tax	\$ (89) \$	(182) \$	(77)
jurisdictions			
Certain tax audit settlements	24	162	_
Reversal of deferred income tax on undistributed earnings of foreign subsidiaries	_	71	_
Other significant and discrete tax items	14	(60)	45
Adjustments to Income Taxes	\$ (51) \$	(9) \$	(32)
Benefits for certain tax audit settlements	(9)	(45)	_
Other tax related adjustments	1	(30)	_
Adjustments to Other Income (Expense), Net	\$ (8) \$	(75) \$	
Adjustments to Net Earnings	\$ 43 \$	(66) \$	32

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FINANCIAL CONDITION AND LIQUIDITY

Net cash provided by (used in):	2023	2022	2021
Operating activities	\$ 3,711 \$	2,624	\$ 3,263
Investing activities	(962)	(2,924)	(859)
Financing activities	(1,594)	(749)	(2,365)
Effect of exchange rate changes	(28)	(51)	(38)
Change in cash and cash			
equivalents	\$1,127 \$	(1,100)	\$ 1

We believe our financial condition continues to be of high quality, as evidenced by our ability to generate substantial cash from operations and to readily access capital markets at competitive despite the current macroeconomic environment. Operating cash flow provides the primary source of cash to fund operating needs and capital expenditures. Excess operating cash is used first to fund acquisitions to complement our portfolio of businesses. Other discretionary uses include dividends and share repurchases. We supplement operating cash flow with debt to fund our activities as necessary. Our overall cash position reflects our business results and a global cash management strategy that takes into account liquidity management, economic factors and tax considerations.

Operating Activities

Cash provided by operating activities was \$3,711, \$2,624 and \$3,263 in 2023, 2022 and 2021. The increase from 2022 was primarily due to higher net earnings and increased collections on accounts receivable. The decrease in 2022 compared to 2021 was due to higher costs for certain electronic components and pre-buying of critical raw materials to manage supply chain delays as well as higher accounts receivable as a result of sales occurring near the end of the year, partially offset by increased net earnings.

Investing Activities

Cash used in investing activities was \$962, \$2,924 and \$859 in 2023, 2022 and 2021. The decrease in cash used in 2023 was primarily due to lower amounts paid for acquisitions. Our 2023 acquisitions included Cerus and in 2022 we acquired Vocera.

Financing Activities

Cash used in financing activities was \$1,594, \$749 and \$2,365 in 2023, 2022 and 2021. Cash used in 2023 was primarily driven by dividend payments of \$1,139 and repayments of debt, including \$850 to pay off the \$1,500 term loan used to fund the acquisition of Vocera and \$1,208 to pay off maturing senior unsecured notes.

anticipate being able to support our short-term liquidity and operating needs from a variety of sources including cash from operations, commercial paper and existing credit lines. We also have a revolving credit agreement maturing in October 2026 with an aggregate principal amount of \$2,250.

We raised funds in the capital markets in the past and may continue to do so from time-to-time. We continue to have strong investment-grade shortterm and long-term debt ratings that we believe should enable us to refinance our debt as needed.

Our cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities held in locations outside the United States was approximately 25% and 36% on December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Guarantees and Other Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We do not have guarantees or other off-balance sheet financing arrangements, including variable interest entities, of a magnitude that we believe could have a material impact on our financial condition or liquidity.

CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS AND FORWARD-LOOKING CASH REQUIREMENTS

In 2023 we recorded charges for various legal matters as further described in Note 7 to our Consolidated Financial Statements. Recorded reserves represent the best estimate of the probable loss, or the minimum of the range of probable losses when a best estimate within the range is not known. The final outcome of these matters is dependent on many variables that are difficult to predict. The ultimate cost to entirely resolve these matters may be materially different from the amount of the current estimates and could have a material adverse effect on our financial position, results of operations and cash flows. We are not able to reasonably estimate the future periods in which payments will be made.

As further described in Note 11 to our Consolidated Financial Statements, on December 31, 2023 we had a reserve for uncertain income tax positions of \$371. Due to uncertainties regarding the ultimate resolution of income tax audits, we are not able to reasonably estimate the future periods in which any income tax payments to settle these uncertain income tax positions will be made.

As further described in Note 12 to our Consolidated Financial Statements, on December 31, 2023 our defined benefit pension plans were underfunded by \$341, of which approximately \$337 related to plans outside the

policies and the others set forth in Note 1 to our Consolidated Financial Statements are critical to understanding our results of operations and financial condition. Actual results could differ from our estimates and assumptions, and any such differences could be material to our results of operations and financial condition.

Income Taxes

Our annual tax rate is determined based on our income, statutory tax rates and the tax impacts of items treated differently for tax purposes than for financial reporting purposes. Tax law requires certain items be included in the tax return at different times than the items are reflected in the financial statements. Some of these differences are permanent, such as expenses that are not deductible in our tax return, and some differences are temporary and reverse over time, such as depreciation expense. These temporary differences create deferred tax assets and liabilities.

Deferred tax assets generally represent the tax effect of items that can be used as a tax deduction or credit in future years for which we have already recorded the tax benefit in our income statement. Deferred tax liabilities generally represent tax expense recognized in our financial statements for which payment was deferred, the tax effect of expenditures for which a deduction was taken in our tax return but has not yet been recognized in our financial statements or assets recorded at fair value in business combinations for which there was no corresponding tax basis adjustment.

Inherent in determining our annual tax rate are judgments regarding business plans, tax planning opportunities and expectations about future outcomes. Realization of certain deferred tax assets is dependent upon generating sufficient taxable income in the appropriate jurisdiction prior to the expiration of the carryforward periods. Although realization is not assured, management believes it is more likely than not that our deferred tax assets, net of valuation allowances, will be realized.

We operate in multiple jurisdictions with complex tax policy and regulatory environments. In certain of these jurisdictions, we may take tax positions that management believes are supportable but are potentially subject to successful challenge by the applicable taxing authority. These differences of interpretation with the respective governmental taxing authorities can be impacted by the local economic and fiscal environment. We evaluate our tax positions and establish liabilities

Acquisitions, Goodwill and Intangibles, and Long-Lived Assets

Our financial statements include the operations of an acquired business starting from the completion of the acquisition. In addition, the assets acquired and liabilities assumed are recorded on the date of acquisition at their respective estimated fair values, with any excess of the purchase price over the estimated fair values of the net assets acquired recorded as goodwill.

Significant judgment is required in estimating the fair value of intangible assets and in assigning their respective useful lives. Accordingly, we typically obtain the assistance of third-party valuation specialists for significant items. The fair value estimates are based on available historical information and on future expectations and assumptions deemed reasonable by management but are inherently uncertain. We typically use an income method to estimate the fair value of intangible assets, which is based on forecasts of the expected future cash flows attributable to the respective assets. Significant estimates and assumptions inherent in the valuations reflect a consideration of other marketplace participants and include the amount and timing of future cash flows (including expected growth rates and the underlying profitability), product technology life cycles, the economic barriers to entry and the discount rate applied to the cash flows. Unanticipated market or macroeconomic events and circumstances may occur that could affect the accuracy or validity of the estimates and assumptions.

Determining the useful life of an intangible asset also requires judgment. With the exception of certain trade names, the majority of our acquired intangible assets (e.g., certain trademarks or brands, customer and distributor relationships, patents and technologies) are expected to have determinable useful lives. Our assessment as to the useful lives of these intangible assets is based on a number of factors including competitive environment, market share, trademark, brand history, underlying product life cycles, operating plans and the macroeconomic environment of the countries in which the trademarked or branded products are sold. Our estimates of the useful determinable-lived intangibles lives of primarily based on these same factors. Determinable-lived intangible assets amortized to expense over their estimated useful life.

In some of our acquisitions, we acquire in-process

cash flows and requires assumptions and estimates be made regarding market conditions and our future profitability. Considerable management judgment is necessary to evaluate the impact of operating and macroeconomic changes and to estimate future cash flows used to measure fair value. Assumptions used in our impairment evaluations, such as forecasted growth rates and cost of capital, are consistent with internal business plans. We believe such assumptions and estimates are also comparable to those that would be used by other marketplace participants. During 2022 our Spine reporting unit's operating performance was affected by several factors, including a slower than anticipated recovery of surgery volumes as we emerged from the COVID-19 pandemic, rising costs and our competitive environment. Consequently, for the year ended December 31, 2022 revenues, gross margin and operating income were 3%, 4% and 33% below budgeted amounts. For our annual impairment test at October 31, 2022 we performed a quantitative impairment test and recognized a goodwill impairment charge of \$216 in our Consolidated Statements of Earnings. Due to the impairment charge in 2022, we also performed a quantitative impairment test for our Spine reporting unit at October 31, 2023 and determined that its fair value exceeded its carrying amount by 10%. Accordingly, we did not record any additional impairment charges. At October 31, 2023, goodwill attributable to the Spine reporting unit was approximately \$1.0 billion.

In our quantitative impairment tests, the fair value of our Spine reporting unit was determined using a discounted cash flow analysis, which is a form of the income approach. Significant inputs to the analysis included assumptions for future revenue growth, operating margin and the rate used to discount the estimated future cash flows to their present value, based on the reporting unit's estimated weighted average cost of capital. Our assumptions for revenue growth and operating margin considered several operating factors, including surgery volumes, increased costs and our competitive environment. We believe our estimates are appropriate based upon current and future market conditions and the best information available at the impairment assessment date. However, future impairment charges could be required if we do not achieve flow, revenue and profitability projections or if there is an increase in the weighted average cost of capital.

reporting units exceeded their respective carrying amounts. Future changes in the judgments, assumptions and estimates that are used in our impairment testing for goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets, including discount rates and cash flow projections, could result in significantly different estimates of fair value. A significant reduction in estimated fair values could result in impairment charges that could materially affect our results of operations.

We review our other long-lived assets for indicators of impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. The evaluation is performed at the lowest level of identifiable cash flows, which is at the individual asset level or the asset group level. The undiscounted cash flows expected to be generated by the related assets are estimated over their useful life based on updated projections. If the evaluation indicates that the carrying amount of the assets may not be recoverable, any potential impairment measured based upon the fair value of the related assets or asset group as determined by an appropriate market appraisal or other valuation technique. Assets classified as held for sale, if any, are recorded at the lower of carrying amount or fair value less costs to sell.

Legal and Other Contingencies

We are involved in various ongoing proceedings, legal actions and claims arising in the normal course of business, including proceedings related to product, labor, intellectual property, and other matters that are more fully described in Note 7 to our Consolidated Financial Statements. The outcomes of these matters will generally not be known for prolonged periods of time. In certain of the legal proceedings, the claimants seek damages, as well as other compensatory and equitable relief, that could result in the payment of significant claims and settlements and/or the imposition of injunctions or other equitable relief. For legal matters for which management had sufficient information to reasonably estimate our obligations, a liability representing management's best estimate of the probable loss, or the minimum of the range of probable losses when a best estimate within the range is not known, for the resolution of these legal matters is recorded. The estimates are based consultation with legal counsel, previous settlement experience and settlement strategies. If actual outcomes are less favorable than those projected by management, additional expense ay be incurred which could unfavorably affect

ITEM 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK.

We sell our products globally and, as a result, our operations and financial results could be significantly affected by market risk exposure from exchange rate risk. Our operating results are primarily exposed to changes in exchange rates among the United States Dollar, Australian Dollar, British Pound, Canadian Dollar, Euro and Japanese Yen. We develop and manufacture products in the United States, Canada, China, Costa Rica, France, Germany, India, Ireland, Mexico, Switzerland, Turkey and the United Kingdom and incur costs in the applicable local currencies. This global deployment of facilities serves to partially mitigate the impact of currency exchange rate changes on our cost of sales. Refer to Notes 1, 4 and 5 to our Consolidated Financial Statements for information regarding our use of derivative instruments to mitigate these risks. hypothetical 10% change in foreign currencies relative to the United States Dollar would change the December 31, 2023 fair value of these instruments by approximately \$389.

Dollar amounts in millions except per share amounts or as otherwise specified.

ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA.

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Shareholders and the Board of Directors of Stryker Corporation

Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Stryker Corporation and subsidiaries (the Company) as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the related consolidated statements of earnings, comprehensive income, shareholders' equity and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes and financial statement schedule listed in the Index at Item 15(a) (collectively referred to as the "consolidated financial statements"). In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company at December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2023, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB), the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2023, based on criteria established in Internal Control—Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (2013 framework), and our report dated February 14, 2024 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

Basis for Opinion

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the PCAOB and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Critical Audit Matter

The critical audit matter communicated below is a matter arising from the current period audit of the financial statements that was communicated or required to be communicated to the audit committee and that: (1) relates to accounts or disclosures that are material to the financial statements and (2) involved our especially challenging, subjective, or complex judgments. The communication of the critical audit matter does not alter in any way our opinion on the consolidated financial statements, taken as a whole, and we are not, by communicating the critical audit matter below, providing a separate opinion on the critical audit matter or on the account or disclosure to which it relates.

Uncertain Tax Positions

Description As described in Note 11 to the consolidated financial statements, the Company operates in of the multiple jurisdictions with complex tax policy and regulatory environments and establishes Matter reserves for uncertain tax positions in accordance with the accounting guidance governing uncertainty in income taxes. Assessing tax positions involves judgment including interpreting tax laws of multiple jurisdictions and assumptions relevant to the measurement of an unrecognized tax benefit, including the estimated amount of tax liability that may be incurred should the tax position not be sustained upon inspection by a tax authority. These judgments and assumptions can significantly affect the reserve for uncertain tax positions. At December 31, 2023, the Company had accrued liabilities of \$371 million relating to uncertain tax positions.

How We in Our Audit

We obtained an understanding, evaluated the design and tested the operating Addressed effectiveness of controls over the Company's accounting process for uncertain tax the Matter positions. For example, we tested controls over management's identification of uncertain tax positions and its application of the recognition and measurement principles, including management's review of the inputs and calculations of unrecognized income tax benefits when recorded.

> Our audit procedures to test the Company's uncertain tax positions included, among others, involvement of our tax professionals, including transfer pricing professionals. This included evaluating third-party transfer pricing studies obtained by the Company and assessing the Company's correspondence with the relevant tax authorities. We analyzed the Company's assumptions and data used to determine the amount of tax benefit to recognize and tested the accuracy of the calculations. Our testing also included the evaluation of the ongoing positions and consideration of changes, the recording of penalties and interest and the ultimate settlement and payment of certain tax matters. We also evaluated the adequacy of the Company's disclosures included in Note 11 related to these tax matters.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

We have served as the Company's auditor since 1974. Grand Rapids, Michigan February 14, 2024

Stryker Corporation and Subsidiaries CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS

	2023	2022	2021
Net sales	\$ 20,498	\$ 18,449	\$ 17,108
Cost of sales	7,440	6,871	 6,140
Gross profit	\$ 13,058	\$ 11,578	\$ 10,968
Research, development and engineering expenses	1,388	1,454	1,235
Selling, general and administrative expenses	7,129	6,455	6,427
Recall charges, net	18	(15)	103
Amortization of intangible assets	635	627	619
Goodwill impairment		216	
Total operating expenses	\$ 9,170	\$ 8,737	\$ 8,384
Operating income	\$ 3,888	\$ 2,841	\$ 2,584
Other income (expense), net	(215)	(158)	(303)
Earnings before income taxes	\$ 3,673	\$ 2,683	\$ 2,281
Income taxes	508	325	287
Net earnings	\$ 3,165	\$ 2,358	\$ 1,994
Net earnings per share of common stock:			
Basic	\$ 8.34	\$ 6.23	\$ 5.29
Diluted	\$ 8.25	\$ 6.17	\$ 5.21
Weighted-average shares outstanding (in millions):			
Basic	379.6	378.2	377.0
Effect of dilutive employee stock compensation	 4.1	 4.0	 5.3
Diluted	383.7	382.2	382.3

Anti-dilutive shares excluded from the calculation of dilutive employee stock options were 4.3 in 2022 and de minimis in all other periods.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	2023	2022	2021
Net earnings	\$ 3,165	\$ 2,358	\$ 1,994
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax			
Marketable securities	1	(1)	3
Pension plans	(59)	186	104
Unrealized gains (losses) on designated hedges	(13)	12	50
Financial statement translation	 (124)	 113	469
Total other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	\$ (195)	\$ 310	\$ 626
Comprehensive income	\$ 2,970	\$ 2,668	\$ 2,620

Dollar amounts in millions except per share amounts or as otherwise specified.

Stryker Corporation and Subsidiaries CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	2023		2022	
Assets				
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	2,971	\$	1,844
Marketable securities		82		84
Accounts receivable, less allowance of \$182 (\$154 in 2022)		3,765		3,565
Inventories:				
Materials and supplies		1,242		1,006
Work in process		330		348
Finished goods		3,271	_	2,641
Total inventories	\$	4,843	\$	3,995
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		857		787
Total current assets	\$	12,518	\$	10,275
Property, plant and equipment:				
Land, buildings and improvements		1,692		1,739
Machinery and equipment		4,652	_	4,066
Total property, plant and equipment		6,344		5,805
Less allowance for depreciation		3,129		2,835
Property, plant and equipment, net	\$	3,215	\$	2,970
Goodwill		15,243		14,880
Other intangibles, net		4,593		4,885
Noncurrent deferred income tax assets		1,670		1,410
Other noncurrent assets		2,673	_	2,464
Total assets	\$ ==	39,912	\$	36,884
Liabilities and shareholders' equity				
Current liabilities				
Accounts payable	\$	1,517	\$	1,413
Accrued compensation		1,478		1,149
Income taxes		391		292
Dividend payable		304		284
Accrued product liabilities		209		230
Accrued expenses and other liabilities		1,928		1,744
Current maturities of debt		2,094		1,191
Total current liabilities	\$	7,921	\$	6,303
Long-term debt, excluding current maturities		10,901		11,857
Income taxes		567		641
Other noncurrent liabilities		1,930		1,467
Total liabilities	\$	21,319	\$	20,268
Shareholders' equity				
Common stock, \$0.10 par value		38		38
Additional paid-in capital		2,200		2,034
Retained earnings		16,771		14,765
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(416)		(221)
Total shareholders' equity	\$	18,593	\$	16,616
Total liabilities & shareholders' equity	\$	39,912	\$	36,884

Dollar amounts in millions except per share amounts or as otherwise specified.

Stryker Corporation and Subsidiaries CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

	2023			202	22	2021		
	Shares	Α	mount	Shares A	Amount	Shares	Amou	ınt
Common stock			-					
Beginning	378.7	\$	38	377.5 \$	38	376.1	\$	38
Issuance of common stock under stock								
compensation and benefit plans	1.4			1.2		1.4		_
Ending	380.1	\$	38	378.7 \$	38	377.5	\$	38
Additional paid-in capital								
Beginning		\$	2,034	\$	1,890		\$ 1,7	41
Issuance of common stock under stock compensation and benefit plans			(39)		(24)		(22)
Share-based compensation			205		168		1	71
Ending		\$	2,200	<u>-</u> \$	2,034		\$ 1,8	90
Retained earnings								
Beginning		\$	14,765	\$	13,480		\$ 12,4	62
Net earnings			3,165		2,358		1,9	94
Cash dividends declared			(1,159)	_	(1,073)		(9	76)
Ending		\$	16,771	\$	14,765		\$13,4	80
Accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income								
Beginning		\$	(221)	\$	(531)		\$ (1,1	57)
Other comprehensive income (loss)			(195)	_	310		6	26
Ending		\$	(416)	\$	(221)		\$ (53	31)
Total shareholders' equity		\$	18,593	\$	16,616		\$14,8	77

See accompanying notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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Stryker Corporation and Subsidiaries CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

		2023		2022		2021
Operating activities			_	2022	_	2021
Net earnings	\$	3,165	\$	2,358	\$	1,994
Adjustments to reconcile net earnings to net cash provided by	Ψ	5,205	Ψ	2,550	Ψ	2,554
operating activities:						
Depreciation		393		371		371
Amortization of intangible assets		635		627		619
Goodwill impairment		_		216		_
Asset impairments		36		54		264
Share-based compensation		205		168		171
Recall charges, net		18		(15)		103
Sale of inventory stepped up to fair value at acquisition		_		12		266
Deferred income tax (benefit) expense		(206)		58		(237)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:						
Accounts receivable		(175)		(579)		(377)
Inventories		(797)		(762)		(189)
Accounts payable		77		290		329
Accrued expenses and other liabilities		533		328		315
Recall-related payments		(35)		(157)		(221)
Income taxes		(4)		(238)		(98)
Other, net		(134)		(107)		(47)
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	3,711	\$	2,624	\$	3,263
Investing activities						
Acquisitions, net of cash acquired		(390)		(2,563)		(339)
Purchases of marketable securities		(52)		(52)		(49)
Proceeds from sales of marketable securities		54		43		55
Purchases of property, plant and equipment		(575)		(588)		(525)
Proceeds from settlement of net investment hedges		_		197		_
Other investing, net		1		39		(1)
Net cash used in investing activities	\$	(962)	\$	(2,924)	\$	(859)
Financing activities						
Proceeds (payments) on short-term borrowings, net		540		(375)		(7)
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt		1,241		1,500		5
Payments on long-term debt		(2,058)		(653)		(1,151)
Payments of dividends		(1,139)		(1,051)		(950)
Cash paid for taxes from withheld shares		(155)		(122)		(114)
Other financing, net		(23)		(48)		(148)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	\$	(1,594)	\$	(749)	\$	(2,365)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		(28)		(51)		(38)
Change in cash and cash equivalents	\$	1,127	\$	(1,100)	\$	1
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		1,844		2,944		2,943
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$	2,971	\$	1,844	\$	2,944
Supplemental cash flow disclosure:						
Cash paid for income taxes, net of refunds	\$	693	\$	505	\$	622

\$

Cash paid for interest on debt

356 \$

324 \$

See accompanying notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Nature of Operations: Stryker (the "Company," "we," "us," or "our") is a global leader in medical technologies and, together with its customers, is driven to make healthcare better. The Company offers innovative products and services in MedSurg, Neurotechnology, Orthopaedics and Spine that help improve patient and healthcare products outcomes. Our include equipment and surgical navigation systems; endoscopic and communications systems; patient handling, emergency medical equipment and intensive care disposable products; clinical communication and workflow solutions; neurosurgical and neurovascular devices; implants used in joint replacement and trauma surgeries; Mako Robotic-Arm Assisted technology; spinal devices; as well as other products used in a variety of medical specialties.

Basis of Presentation and Consolidation: The Consolidated Financial Statements include the Company and its subsidiaries. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions are eliminated in consolidation. We have no material interests in variable interest entities and none that require consolidation. Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform with current year presentation in our Consolidated Financial Statements.

Use of Estimates: The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (GAAP) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities on the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of net sales and expenses in the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Revenue Recognition: Sales are recognized as the performance obligations to deliver products or services (including services under extended warranty service contracts) are satisfied and are recorded based on the amount of consideration we expect to receive in exchange for satisfying the performance obligations. Our sales are recognized primarily when we transfer control to the customer, which can be on the date of shipment, the date of receipt by the customer or, for most Orthopaedics products, when we have received a purchase order and appropriate notification the product has been used or

Cost of Sales: Cost of sales is primarily comprised of direct materials and supplies consumed in the manufacture of product, as well as manufacturing labor, depreciation expense and direct overhead expense necessary to acquire and convert the purchased materials and supplies into finished product. Cost of sales also includes the cost to distribute products to customers, inbound freight costs, warehousing costs and other shipping and handling activity.

Research, Development and Engineering Expenses: Research, development and engineering costs are charged to expense as incurred. Costs include research, development and engineering activities relating to the development of new products, improvement of existing products, technical support of products and compliance with governmental regulations for the protection of customers and patients. Costs primarily consist of salaries, wages, consulting and depreciation and maintenance of research facilities and equipment.

Selling, General and Administrative Expenses: Selling, general and administrative expense is primarily comprised of selling expenses, marketing expenses, administrative and other indirect overhead costs, amortization of loaner instrumentation, depreciation and amortization expense of non-manufacturing assets and other miscellaneous operating items.

Currency Translation: Financial statements of subsidiaries outside the United States generally are measured using the local currency as the functional currency. Adjustments to translate those statements into United States Dollars are recorded in other comprehensive income (OCI). Transactional exchange gains and losses are included in other income (expense), net.

Cash Equivalents: Highly liquid investments with remaining stated maturities of three months or less when purchased or other money market instruments that are redeemable upon demand are considered cash equivalents and recorded at cost.

Marketable Securities: Marketable securities consist of marketable debt securities, certificates of deposit and mutual funds. Mutual funds are acquired to offset changes in certain liabilities related to deferred compensation arrangements and are expected to be used to settle these liabilities and are recognized in other noncurrent assets. Pursuant to our investment policy, all individual marketable security investments must have a minimum credit quality of single A (Standard & Poor's and Fitch) and A2 (Moody's

resulting from the potential inability to sell specific products at prices in excess of current carrying costs, reserves are maintained to reduce current carrying cost to net realizable value.

Financial Instruments: Our financial instruments consist of cash, cash equivalents, marketable securities, accounts receivable, other investments, accounts payable, debt and foreign currency exchange contracts. The carrying value of our financial instruments, with the exception of our senior unsecured notes, approximates fair value on December 31, 2023 and 2022. Refer to Notes 3 and 10 for further details.

All marketable securities are recognized at fair value. Adjustments to the fair value of marketable securities that are classified as available-for-sale are recognized as increases or decreases, net of income taxes, within accumulated other comprehensive income (AOCI) in shareholders' equity and adjustments to the fair value of marketable securities that are classified as trading are recognized in earnings. The amortized cost of marketable debt securities is adjusted for amortization of premiums and discounts to maturity computed under the effective interest method. Such amortization and interest and realized gains and losses are included in other income (expense), net. The cost of securities sold is determined by the specific identification method.

We review declines in the fair value of our investments classified as available-for-sale to determine whether the decline in fair value is a result of credit loss or other factors. Impairments of available-for-sale marketable debt securities related to credit loss are included in earnings and impairments related to other factors are recognized within AOCI.

Derivatives: All derivatives are recognized at fair value and reported on a gross basis. We enter into forward currency exchange contracts to mitigate the impact of currency fluctuations on transactions denominated in nonfunctional currencies, thereby limiting our risk that would otherwise result from changes in exchange rates. The periods of the forward currency exchange contracts correspond to the periods of the exposed transactions, with realized gains and losses included in the measurement recording of transactions denominated in the nonfunctional currencies. All forward currency exchange contracts are recorded at their fair value each period.

Forward currency exchange contracts designated as cash flow hedges are designed to hedge the

currency denominated assets and liabilities. The estimated fair value of our forward currency exchange contracts represents the measurement of the contracts at month-end spot rates as adjusted by current forward points.

From time to time, we designate derivative and non-derivative financial instruments as investment hedges of our investments in certain international subsidiaries. For derivative instruments that are designated and qualify as a net investment hedge, the effective portion of the derivative's gain or loss is recognized in OCI and reported as a component of AOCI. We have elected to use the spot method to assess effectiveness for our derivatives designated as net investment hedges. Accordingly, the change in fair value attributable to changes in the spot rate is recorded in AOCI. We exclude the spotforward difference from the assessment of hedge effectiveness and amortize this separately on a straight-line basis over the term of the forward contracts. This amortization is recognized in other income (expense), net.

From time to time, we designate forward starting interest rate derivative instruments as cash flow hedges to manage the exposure to interest rate volatility with regard to future issuance and refinancing of debt. Changes in value of derivatives designated as cash flow hedges are recorded in AOCI on the Consolidated Balance Sheets until earnings are affected by the variability of the underlying cash flows. At that time, the applicable amount of gain or loss from the derivative instrument that is deferred in shareholders' equity is reclassified into earnings and is included in interest expense within other income (expense), net in the Consolidated Statements of Earnings.

Interest rate derivative instruments designated as fair value hedges have been used in the past to manage the exposure to interest rate movements and to reduce borrowing costs by converting fixed-rate debt into floating-rate debt. Under these agreements, we agree to exchange, at specified intervals, the difference between fixed and floating interest amounts calculated by reference to an agreed-upon notional principal amount.

Property, Plant and Equipment: Property, plant and equipment is stated at cost. Depreciation is generally computed by the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of three to 30 years for buildings and improvements and three to 15 years for machinery and equipment.

In some of our acquisitions, we acquire in-process research and development (IPRD) intangible assets. For acquisitions accounted for as business combinations IPRD is considered to be an indefinite-lived intangible asset until the research is completed (then it becomes a determinable-lived intangible asset) or determined to have no future use (then it is impaired). For asset acquisitions IPRD is expensed immediately unless there is an alternative future use.

Goodwill, Intangibles and Long-Lived Asset Impairment Tests: We perform our annual impairment test for goodwill as of October 31 each year. We consider qualitative indicators of the fair value of a reporting unit when it is unlikely that a reporting unit has impaired goodwill and periodically corroborate that assessment with quantitative information. In certain circumstances, we may also utilize a discounted cash flow analysis that requires certain assumptions and estimates be made regarding market conditions and our future profitability. Indefinite-lived intangible assets are also tested at least annually for impairment by comparing the individual carrying values to the fair value.

We review long-lived assets for indicators of impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. The evaluation is performed at the lowest level of identifiable cash flows. Undiscounted cash flows expected to be generated by the related assets are estimated over the asset's useful life based on updated projections. If the evaluation indicates that the carrying amount of the asset may not be recoverable, any potential impairment measured based upon the fair value of the related asset or asset group as determined by an appropriate market appraisal or other valuation technique. Assets classified as held for sale are recorded at the lower of carrying amount or fair value less costs to sell.

Share-Based Compensation: Share-based compensation is in the form of stock options, restricted stock units (RSUs) and performance stock units (PSUs). Stock options are granted under long-term incentive plans to certain key employees and non-employee directors at an exercise price not less than the fair market value of the underlying common stock, which is the quoted closing price of our common stock on the day prior to the date of grant. The options are granted for periods of up to 10 years and become exercisable in varying installments.

period required to obtain full vesting. Management expectations related the achievement of performance goals associated with PSU grants is assessed regularly and that assessment is used to determine whether PSU grants are expected to vest. If performance-based milestones related to PSU grants are not met or not expected to be met, any compensation expense recognized associated with such grants will be reversed.

Income Taxes: Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are determined based on differences between financial reporting and income tax bases of assets and liabilities and are measured using the enacted income tax rates in effect for the years in which the differences are expected to reverse. Deferred income tax benefits generally represent the change in net deferred income tax assets and liabilities in the year. Other amounts result from adjustments related to acquisitions and foreign currency as appropriate.

We operate in multiple income tax jurisdictions both within the United States and internationally. Accordingly, management must determine the appropriate allocation of income to each of these jurisdictions based on current interpretations of complex income tax regulations. Income tax authorities in these jurisdictions regularly perform audits of our income tax filings. Income tax audits associated with the allocation of this income and other complex issues, including inventory transfer pricing and cost sharing, product royalty and foreign branch arrangements, may require an extended period of time to resolve and may result in significant income tax adjustments if changes to the income allocation are required between jurisdictions with different income tax rates.

New Accounting Pronouncements Not Yet Adopted

In December 2023 the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued ASU 2023-09 (Topic 740): Income Taxes: Improvements to Income Tax Disclosures which expands the existing rules on income tax disclosures. This update requires entities to disclose specific categories in the tax rate reconciliation, provide additional information for reconciling items that meet a quantitative threshold and disclose additional information about income taxes paid an annual basis. The new disclosure requirements are effective for fiscal beginning after December 15, 2024. Early permitted. We are adoption is currently evaluating these new expanded disclosure requirements.

Accounting Pronouncements Recently Adopted

In September 2022 the FASB issued ASU 2022-04, Liabilities - Supplier Finance Programs: Disclosure of Supplier Finance Program Obligations, which requires entities that utilize supplier finance programs in connection with the purchase of goods and services to disclose information about the key terms of the programs, a rollforward of the obligations under the programs and where those obligations are presented in the balance sheet. The disclosure requirements are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2022, including interim periods within those fiscal years, except for the requirement for rollforward information which is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023. We participate in a supplier financing program that enables our suppliers, at their sole discretion, to sell their Stryker receivables to a financial institution on a non-recourse basis in order to be paid earlier than our payment terms provide. As of December 31, 2023 our obligations under this program are not material.

NOTE 2 - REVENUE RECOGNITION

We disaggregate our net sales by product line and geographic location for each of our segments as we believe it best depicts how the nature, amount, timing and certainty of our net sales and cash flows are affected by economic factors.

Products and services are primarily transferred to customers at a point in time, with some transfers of services taking place over time. In 2023 less than 10% of our sales were recognized as services transferred over time. Refer to Note 1 for further discussion on our revenue recognition policies.

Beginning in the first quarter 2023 we consolidated Other MedSurg and Neurotechnology into Endoscopy as Other (primarily MedSurg and Neurotechnology Sustainability Solutions) has been fully integrated into our Endoscopy business. Endoscopy includes sales related to Other of \$343, \$302 and \$277 for 2023, 2022 and 2021. We have reflected these changes in all historical periods presented.

Segment Net Sales

MedSurg and

Neurotechnology:	2023 2022		2021
Instruments	\$ 2,569	\$ 2,279	\$ 2,111
Endoscopy	3,033	2,725	2,418
Medical	3,459	3,031	2,607
Neurovascular	1,226	1,200	1,188

United States Net Sales

MedSurg and

Neurotechnology:	2023	2022	2021
Instruments	\$ 2,051	\$ 1,810	\$ 1,637
Endoscopy	2,478	2,211	1,943
Medical	2,785	2,422	2,007
Neurovascular	483	446	451
Neuro Cranial	1,270	1,135	988
	\$ 9,067	\$ 8,024	\$ 7,026
Orthopaedics and Spine:			
Knees	\$ 1,676	\$ 1,493	\$ 1,351
Hips	988	896	822
Trauma and Extremities	2,297	2,035	1,866
Spine	883	836	831
Other	346	354	425
	\$ 6,190	\$ 5,614	\$ 5,295
Total	\$15,257	\$13,638	\$12,321

International Net Sales

MedSurg and

MedSurg and						
Neurotechnology:	_2	023	2022		2021	
Instruments	\$	518	\$	469	\$	474
Endoscopy		555		514		475
Medical		674		609		600
Neurovascular		743		754		737
Neuro Cranial		279		241		226
	\$ 2	,769	\$ 2	,587	\$ 2	,512
Orthopaedics and Spine:						
Knees	\$	597	\$	504	\$	497
Hips		556		517		520
Trauma and Extremities		850		772		798
Spine		306		310		336
Other		163		121		124
	\$ 2	,472	\$ 2	,224	\$ 2	,275
Total	\$ 5	,241	\$4	,811	\$ 4	,787

MedSurg and Neurotechnology

MedSurg and Neurotechnology products include surgical equipment and navigation systems (Instruments), endoscopic and communications systems (Endoscopy), patient handling, emergency medical equipment, intensive care disposable products and clinical communication and workflow solutions (Medical), minimally invasive products for the treatment of acute ischemic and hemorrhagic stroke (Neurovascular), a comprehensive line of products for traditional brain and open skull based surgical procedures;

Contract Assets and Liabilities

The nature of our products and services do not generally give rise to contract assets as we typically do not incur costs to fulfill a contract before a product or service is provided to a customer. Our costs to obtain contracts are typically in the form of sales commissions paid to employees or third-party agents. Certain sales commissions paid to employees prior to recognition of sales are recorded as contract assets. We expense sales commissions associated with obtaining a contract at the time of the sale or as incurred as the amortization period is generally less than one year. These costs have been presented within selling, general and administrative expenses. On December 31, 2023 contract assets recorded in our Consolidated Balance Sheets were not significant.

Our contract liabilities arise as a result of consideration received from customers at inception of contracts for certain businesses or where the timing of billing for services precedes satisfaction of our performance obligations. This occurs primarily when payment is received upfront for certain multi-period extended warranty service contracts. Our contract liabilities of \$860 and \$741 on December 31, 2023 and 2022 are classified within accrued expenses and other liabilities and other noncurrent liabilities within our Consolidated Balance Sheets based on the timing of when we expect to complete our performance obligations. Changes in contract liabilities during the year were as follows:

	2	2023
Beginning contract liabilities	\$	741
Revenue recognized from beginning of year contract liabilities		(379)
Net advance consideration received during the period		498
Ending contract liabilities	\$	860

NOTE 3 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Financial assets and liabilities carried at fair value are classified in their entirety based on the lowest level of input and disclosed in one of the following three categories:

Level 1 Quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 Observable market-based inputs or unobservable inputs that are corroborated by

We remeasure the fair value of our assets and liabilities each reporting period. We record the changes in fair value within selling, general and administrative expense.

In 2022 we determined that certain commercial and regulatory milestones related to technology acquired in the purchase of Mobius Imaging and Cardan Robotics were no longer probable of being achieved and recorded a \$110 reduction in the fair value of contingent consideration reflected in selling, general and administrative expenses.

In the second quarter 2023 we recorded \$192 of contingent consideration related to the acquisition of Cerus described in Note 6.

There were no significant transfers into or out of any level of the fair value hierarchy in 2023.

Assets Measured at Fair Value

		2023	 2022
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	2,971	\$ 1,844
Trading marketable securities		209	166
Level 1 - Assets	\$	3,180	\$ 2,010
Available-for-sale marketable securities:			
Corporate and asset-backed debt securities	\$	43	\$ 42
Foreign government debt securities		_	1
United States agency debt securities		4	3
United States treasury debt securities		31	36
Certificates of deposit		4	2
Total available-for-sale marketable securities	\$	82	\$ 84
Foreign currency exchange forward			
contracts		116	119
Level 2 - Assets	\$	198	\$ 203
Total assets measured at fair			
value	\$ ===	3,378	\$ 2,213

Liabilities Measured at Fair Value

	2023		_ :	2022
Deferred compensation arrangements	\$	209	\$	166
Level 1 - Liabilities	\$	209	\$	166
Foreign currency exchange forward				
contracts	\$	97	\$	102
Level 2 - Liabilities	\$	97	\$	102
Contingent consideration:				
Beginning	\$	121	\$	306
Additions		192		1
Change in estimate and foreign exchange		(2)		(137)

NOTE 4 - DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS

We use operational and economic hedges, foreign exchange forward contracts, investment hedges (both derivative and nonderivative financial instruments) and interest rate derivative instruments to manage the impact of currency exchange and interest rate fluctuations on earnings, cash flow and equity. We do not enter into derivative instruments for speculative purposes. We are exposed to potential credit loss in the event of nonperformance by counterparties on our outstanding derivative instruments but do not anticipate nonperformance by any of our counterparties. Should a counterparty default, our maximum loss exposure is the asset balance of the instrument.

Foreign Currency Hedges

		Cash		Net		Non-	
2023		Flow	In	vestment	De	esignated	Total
Gross notional							
amount	\$	1,650	\$	1,662	\$	4,315	7,627
Maximum term							
in years						_	2.9
Fair value:							
Other current							
assets	\$	24	\$	74	\$	16 \$	114
Other							
noncurrent							
assets		2				_	2
Other current							
liabilities		(16)		_		(36)	(52)
Other							
noncurrent							
liabilities		(2)		(43)			(45)
Total fair value	\$ =	8	\$	31	\$	(20) \$	19
2022							
Gross notional							
amount	\$	1,053	\$	1,598	\$	3,417 \$	6,068
Maximum term							
in years						_	3.9
Fair value:							
Other current							
assets	\$	20	\$	_	\$	9 \$	29
Other							
noncurrent							
assets		1		89		_	90
Other current							
liabilities		(6)		_		(79)	(85)
Other							
noncurrent							
liabilities		(1)		(16)			(17)
		14	+	72	+	(70)	. 17

Currency Exchange Rate Gains (Losses) Recognized in Net Earnings

Derivative

Instrument	trument Recognized in:			2	022	2	021
Cash Flow	Cost of sales	\$	39	\$	23	\$	(12)
	Other income						
Net Investment	(expense), net		34		39		35
Non-	Other income						
Designated	(expense), net		25		30		8
-	Total	\$	98	\$	92	\$	31

Pretax gains (losses) on derivatives designated as cash flow hedges of \$26 and net investment hedges of \$27 recorded in AOCI are expected to be reclassified to cost of sales and other income (expense), net in earnings within 12 months as of December 31, 2023. This cash flow hedge reclassification is primarily due to the sale of inventory that includes previously hedged purchases. A component of the AOCI amounts related to net investment hedges is reclassified over the life of the hedge instruments as we elected to exclude the initial value of the component related to the spot-forward difference from the effectiveness assessment.

Interest Rate Hedges

In conjunction with our offerings of senior unsecured notes in December 2023 we settled certain forward starting interest rate swap contracts with gross notional amounts of \$200 that were designated as cash flow hedges. Pretax gains of \$4 recorded in AOCI related to interest rate hedges closed in conjunction with debt issuances are expected to be reclassified to other income (expense), net in earnings within 12 months of December 31, 2023. The cash flow effect of interest rate hedges is recorded in cash flow from operations.

NOTE **ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE (LOSS) INCOME (AOCI)**

				Financial					
	Mar	ketable	Pension	9	Statement				
	Sec	urities	Plans	Hedges T	ranslation	Total			
2021	\$	_	\$ (155)	\$ 40 \$	(416)	\$(531)			
OCI		(1)	244	43	253	539			
Income taxes		_	(64)	1	(110)	(173)			
Reclassifications	5								
to:									
Cost of sales		_	_	(23)	_	(23)			
Other									
(income)									
expense, net		_	8	(5)	(39)	(36)			

In February 2022 we completed the acquisition of Vocera for \$79.25 per share, or an aggregate purchase price of \$2.6 billion, net of cash acquired (\$3.0 billion including convertible notes). Vocera is a leader in the digital care coordination and communication category. Vocera is part of our Medical business within MedSurg and Neurotechnology. Goodwill attributable to the acquisition reflects the strategic benefits of expanding our presence in adjacent markets, diversifying our product portfolio, advancing innovations and accelerating our digital aspirations. This goodwill is not deductible for tax purposes.

During 2022 note holders elected to redeem the 1.50% and 0.50% convertible notes assumed in the Vocera acquisition for \$101 and \$324. These repayments are classified as financing activities in the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows.

Share-based awards for Vocera employees vested upon our acquisition and a charge of \$132 was recorded in selling, general and administrative expenses in 2022.

Purchase price allocations for our significant acquisitions are:

Purchase Price Allocation of Acquired Net Assets

2	023		2022
Ce	erus		Vocera
\$	1	\$	33
	2		13
	2		91
	1		92
	_		(425)
	(60)		(193)
	(22)		(117)
	_		603
	240		175
	_		18
	317		2,273
\$	481	\$	2,563
	13		6
	_		15
	_		9
	\$	2 2 1 (60) (22) 240 317 \$ 481	\$ 1 \$ 2 2 1 1 ——————————————————————————

The purchase price allocation for Cerus is based

favorable than those estimated by management, additional expense may be incurred, which could unfavorably affect future operating results. We are self-insured for certain claims and expenses. The ultimate cost to us with respect to product liability claims could be materially different than the amount of the current estimates and accruals and could have a material adverse effect on our financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

In April 2022 the United States District Court for the District of Delaware issued a judgment following a jury verdict in favor of PureWick Corporation (PureWick) for its 2019 complaint seeking patent infringement damages related to our PrimaFit and PrimoFit products. We recorded charges of \$28 in March 2022 accordingly. Stryker is appealing the results of the trial. In June 2022 PureWick filed a motion to enhance the damages awarded, which the court denied in March 2023. In 2022 PureWick also filed a separate complaint seeking additional patent infringement damages, damages enhancement and an injunction related to another version of our PrimaFit products. A trial for this matter is currently set for February 2024. PureWick may seek to recover its legal fees if it is ultimately successful in either matter.

We are currently investigating whether certain business activities in certain foreign countries violated provisions of the FCPA and have engaged outside counsel to conduct these investigations. We have been contacted by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, United States Department of Justice and certain other regulatory authorities and are cooperating with these agencies. At this time we are unable to predict the outcome of the investigations or the potential impact, if any, on our financial statements.

We have conducted voluntary recalls of certain products, including our Rejuvenate and ABG II Modular-Neck hip stems and certain lot-specific sizes and offsets of LFIT Anatomic CoCr V40 Femoral Heads. Additionally, we are responsible for certain product liability claims, primarily related to certain hip products sold by Wright prior to its 2014 divestiture of the OrthoRecon business.

We have incurred, and expect to incur in the future, costs associated with the defense and settlement of claims and lawsuits. Based on the information that has been received related to the matters discussed above, we recorded charges of \$85 in 2023, and our accrual for these matters was \$292 at December 31, 2023, representing

We have made certain significant assumptions and judgments when recording leases. For all asset classes, we do not recognize a right-of-use asset and lease liability for short-term leases. We also do not separate non-lease components from lease components to which they relate and account for the combined lease and non-lease components as a single lease component. The determination of the discount rate used in a lease is our incremental borrowing rate which is based on what we would normally pay to borrow on a collateralized basis over a similar term an amount equal to the lease payments.

	2023	2022
Right-of-use assets	\$ 494	\$ 473
Lease liabilities, current	\$ 143	\$ 121
Lease liabilities, noncurrent	\$ 356	\$ 357
Other information:		
Weighted-average remaining		
lease term (years)	5.5	5.5
Weighted-average discount rate	3.87 %	3.22 %

Operating lease expense totaled \$172, \$149, and \$133 in 2023, 2022 and 2021.

Future Obligations

We have purchase commitments for materials, supplies, services and property, plant and equipment as part of the normal course of business. In addition, we lease various manufacturing, warehousing and distribution facilities, administrative and sales offices as well as equipment under operating leases. Refer to Note 10 for more information on the debt obligations.

	2	024	2	025	20	26	20	027	20	28	The	ereafter
Debt												
repayments	\$2	,097	\$1	,400	\$1,0	000	\$8	331	\$2,	751	\$	5,001
Purchase												
obligations	\$2	,349	\$	213	\$	83	\$	65	\$	20	\$	20
Minimum												
lease												
payments	\$	150	\$	108	\$	87	\$	56	\$	41	\$	78

NOTE 8 - GOODWILL AND OTHER INTANGIBLE ASSETS

In our annual impairment tests of goodwill as of October 31, 2023 and 2022, we performed a quantitative assessment of the Spine reporting unit using a discounted cash flow analysis to estimate the fair value. Significant inputs to the analysis included assumptions for future revenue growth and operating margin. The analysis also included a rate to discount the estimated future

significant reduction in the estimated fair values could result in impairment charges that could materially affect our results of operations.

Changes in the Net Carrying Value of Goodwill by Segment

	Med	Surg and	Ortho	paedics	
	Neuro	technology	and	Spine	Total
2021	\$	5,669	\$	7,249	\$ 12,918
Goodwill					
impairment		_		(216)	(216)
Additions and					
adjustments		2,320		_	2,320
Foreign					
exchange and					
other		(54)		(88)	(142)
2022	\$	7,935	\$	6,945	\$ 14,880
Additions and					
adjustments		301		_	301
Foreign					
exchange and					
other		34		28	62
2023	\$	8,270	\$	6,973	\$ 15,243

Summary of Other Intangible Assets

•		•					
		Gross		Less	Net		
	(Carrying		Accumulated		arrying	
		Amount		Amortization		mount	
Developed tech	nologi	es					
2023	\$	5,769	\$	2,815	\$	2,954	
2022		5,440		2,363		3,077	
Customer relati	onship	os					
2023	\$	2,907	\$	1,504	\$	1,403	
2022		2,847		1,322		1,525	
Patents							
2023	\$	329	\$	302	\$	27	
2022		343		297		46	
Trademarks							
2023	\$	427	\$	246	\$	181	
2022		425		220		205	
In-process resea	arch a	nd develop	m	ent			
2023	\$	21	\$	_	\$	21	
2022		21		_		21	
Other							
2023	\$	96	\$	89	\$	7	
2022		105		94		11	
Total							
2023	\$	9,549	\$	4,956	\$	4,593	

9.181

4.296

4.885

provide services in exchange for the options, typically the vesting period. The weighted-average fair value per share of options is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model.

Option Value and Assumptions

	2023	2022	2021
Weighted-average fair			
value per share	\$ 83.59	\$ 68.08	\$ 53.35
Assumptions:			
Risk-free interest rate	4.0 %	1.8 %	0.8 %
Expected dividend yield	1.2 %	1.0 %	1.2 %
Expected stock price			
volatility	29.0 %	27.0 %	26.9 %
Expected option life			
(years)	6.2	5.9	5.9

The risk-free interest rate for periods within the expected life of options granted is based on the United States Treasury yield curve in effect at the time of grant. Expected stock price volatility is based on the historical volatility of our stock. The expected option life, representing the period of time that options granted are expected to be outstanding, is based on historical option exercise and employee termination data.

2023 Stock Option Activity

				Weighted-			Feb	ruary 22, 2025.
	Shares	,	Veighted-	Average Remaining	Δ	aar		August 2023 we issued €500 of floating rate
	(in		Average	Term (in				ior notes due November 16, 2024. The notes
	•		_	•				r interest at a rate based on the three-month
	millions)	EX	ercise Price	years)		Va	ilue _{Eu} r	o Interbank Offered Rate (EURIBOR) plus 0.3%.
Outstanding							The	notes are callable at February 16, 2024, May
January 1	12.1	\$	168.80				16,	2024 or October 16, 2024 either by us or at
Granted	1.6		268.28				the	option of the notes holders.
Exercised	(2.0)		117.64				In I	November 2023 we repaid the outstanding
Canceled or							€55	r - r - · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
forfeited	(0.2)		235.73					ecured notes due November 30, 2023 and in
Outstanding								tember 2023 we repaid the outstanding \$600
		\$	189.70		_			icipal amount of 0.600% senior unsecured
December 3		=	109.70	5.4	\$	1,2	257 not	es due December 1, 2023. We subsequently
Exercisable								ed \$600 of 4.850% senior unsecured notes
December 31	6.8	\$	153.01	3.1	\$	1,0	001 ₫ u∈	December 8, 2028 and €600 of 3.375%
Options							sen	ior unsecured notes due December 11, 2028.
expected to							The	following table summarizes our total debt at
vest	4.3	\$	243.26	7.8	\$		₂₄₂ Dec	ember 31:

The aggregate intrinsic value of options, which represents the cumulative difference between the fair market value of the underlying common stock and the option exercise prices, exercised was \$318, \$218 and \$253 in 2023, 2022 and 2021. Exercise prices for options outstanding ranged from \$77.75 to \$287.14 on December 31, 2023.

Employee Stock Purchase Plans (ESPP)

Employees may participate in our ESPP provided they meet certain eligibility requirements. The purchase price for our common stock under the terms of the ESPP is defined as 95% of the closing stock price on the last trading day of a purchase period. We issued 190,524 and 221,387 shares under the ESPP in 2023 and 2022.

NOTE 10 - DEBT AND CREDIT FACILITIES

We have lines of credit issued by various financial institutions that are available to fund our day-to-day operating needs. Certain of our credit facilities require us to comply with financial and other covenants. We were in compliance with all covenants on December 31, 2023.

In 2022 our Board of Directors approved an increase to the maximum amount of commercial paper that can be outstanding from \$1,500 to \$2,250.

On December 31, 2023 there were no borrowings outstanding under our credit facility or commercial paper program which allows for maturities up to 397 days from the date of issuance.

During 2023 we made payments of \$850 to extinguish the remaining balance on the \$1.5 billion term loan scheduled to mature on February 22, 2025.

Summary of Total Debt

Rate	Due		2023	:	2022	
Senior unse	ecured					
notes:						
1.125%	November 30, 2023	\$	_	\$	585	
0.600%	December 1, 2023		_		599	
3.375%	May 15, 2024		600		596	
Various	November 16, 2024		554		_	
0.250%	December 3, 2024		940		903	
1.150%	June 15, 2025		648		647	
3.375%	November 1, 2025		749		748	
3.500%	March 15, 2026		997		995	
2.125%	November 30, 2027		828		795	
3.650%	March 7, 2028		598		597	
4.850%	December 8, 2028		596		_	
3.375%	December 11, 2028		661		_	
0.750%	March 1, 2029		883	848		
1.950%	June 15, 2030		991	991		
2.625%	November 30, 2030		713	684		
1.000%	December 3, 2031		823	790		
4.100%	April 1, 2043		393		392	
4.375%	May 15, 2044		396		396	
4.625%	March 15, 2046		983		983	
2.900%	June 15, 2050		642		642	
Term loan			_		850	
Other					7	
Total debt	:	\$1	.2,995	\$1	3,048	
Less curr	ent					
maturitie	S		2,094		1,191	
Total long	-term debt	\$1	.0,901	\$1	1,857	
Unamortize	ed debt issuance costs	\$	50	\$	52	
Borrowing	capacity on existing facilities	\$	2,160	\$	2,162	
Fair value o	of senior unsecured notes	\$	12,252	\$ 1	10,910	

The fair value of the senior unsecured notes was estimated using quoted interest rates, maturities and amounts of borrowings based on quoted active market prices and yields that took into account the underlying terms of the debt instruments. Substantially all of our debt is classified within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

Interest expense on outstanding debt and credit facilities, including required fees incurred, that were included in other income (expense), net, totaled \$356, \$337, and \$337 in 2023, 2022 and 2021.

Effective Income Tax Rate Reconciliation

Effective income lax kate	110	conci				
	20	23	20	022	2	2021
United States federal						
statutory rate	21	0 %	21	L.0 %	2	1.0 %
United States state and local						
income taxes, less federal						
deduction	1	L.1	:	2.0		2.7
Foreign income tax at rates						
other than 21%	(6	5.8)	(4	4.1)	((6.9)
Tax related to repatriation of						
foreign earnings	1	1.2	(2	2.4)		1.4
Intellectual property						
transfers	(3	3.3)	(0.1	((2.3)
United States federal audit						
settlement		_	(6	5.1)		_
Goodwill impairment		_		1.7		_
Other	().6	((0.1)		(3.3)
Effective income tax rate	13	.8 %	12	2.1 %	_1	2.6 %
_						
Earnings Before Income Ta	IX	es				
	2	023	_2	022	_2	2021
United States	\$	701	\$	407	\$	433
International		2,972		2,276		1,848
Total	\$3	,673	\$ 2	,683	\$ 2	2,281
Components of Income Tax	K E	xpen	se ((Bene	fit))
Current income tax expense						
(benefit):	_	2023	_2	2022		2021
United States federal	\$	236	\$	(76)	\$	155
United States state and local		48		64		97
International		430		279		272
Total current income tax						
expense	\$	714	\$	267	\$	524
Deferred income tax expense						
(benefit):						
United States federal	\$	(212)	\$	(179)	\$	(82)
United States state and local		(20)		(30)		(23)
International		26		267		(132)
Total deferred income tax						
expense (benefit)	4	(206)	\$	58	4	(237)

Interest and penalties included in other income (expense), net were expense of \$1 in 2023, income of \$71 in 2022 and expense of \$23 in 2021. The United States federal deferred income tax expense (benefit) includes the utilization of net operating loss carryforwards of \$189, \$56 and \$283 in 2023, 2022 and 2021.

\$ 508 \$ 325 \$ 287

Deferred Income Tax Assets and Liabilities

Total income tax expense

to a valuation allowance, begin to expire in 2026; however, some have no expiration. We also have tax credit carryforwards of \$208 with \$79 being subject to a full valuation allowance. The credits with a full valuation allowance begin to expire in 2024. We do not anticipate generating income tax in excess of the non-expiring credits in the foreseeable future.

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (the Act) was enacted in 2017 in the United States. We recorded a one-time transition tax on earnings of certain foreign subsidiaries that were previously deferred. The Act also subjects a United States shareholder to tax on Global Intangible Low-Taxed Income (GILTI) earned by certain foreign subsidiaries. We have elected to account for GILTI tax in the year the tax is incurred.

deferred We recorded income tax undistributed earnings of foreign subsidiaries not determined to be indefinitely reinvested. In 2022 it was determined that, based on our revised capital plan, certain cash outside the United States would no longer need to be repatriated during the period previously contemplated. As a result deferred taxes of \$71 that were recorded on the associated earnings were reversed. The amount of undistributed earnings of foreign subsidiaries determined to be indefinitely reinvested 2023 at December 31, approximately \$11 billion. Determination of the total amount of unrecognized deferred income tax on undistributed earnings of foreign subsidiaries is not practicable.

Uncertain Income Tax Positions

	_2	2023	2022	
Beginning uncertain tax positions	\$	286	\$	444
Increases related to current year income				
tax positions		102		17
Increases related to prior year income tax				
positions		10		34
Decreases related to prior year income				
tax positions		(33)		(178)
Settlements of income tax audits		(1)		(13)
Statute of limitations expirations and				
other		_		(6)
Foreign currency translation		7		(12)
Ending uncertain tax positions	\$	371	\$	286
Reported as:				
Noncurrent liabilities—Income taxes	\$	371	\$	286

Our income tax expense would have been reduced by \$248 and \$289 in 2023 and 2022 had these uncertain income tax positions been

States federal jurisdiction. Income tax years open for our other major jurisdictions range from 2007 through the current year.

NOTE 12 - RETIREMENT PLANS

Defined Contribution Plans

We provide certain employees with defined contribution plans and other types of retirement plans. A portion of our retirement plan expense under the defined contribution plans is funded with Stryker common stock. The use of Stryker common stock represents a non-cash operating activity that is not reflected in our Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows.

	2023	2022	2021
Plan expense	\$ 327	\$ 305	\$ 259
Expense funded with Stryker			
common stock	57	41	37
Stryker common stock held			
by plan:			
Dollar amount	\$ 649	\$ 522	\$ 582
Shares (in millions)	2.2	2.1	2.2
Value as a percentage of			
total plan assets	10 %	10 %	10 %

Defined Benefit Plans

Certain of our subsidiaries have both funded and unfunded defined benefit pension plans covering some or all of their employees. The majority of our defined benefit pension plans have projected benefit obligations in excess of plan assets.

Discount Rate

The discount rates were selected using a hypothetical portfolio of high quality bonds on December 31 that would provide the necessary cash flows to match our projected benefit payments.

Expected Return on Plan Assets

The expected return on plan assets is determined by applying the target allocation in each asset category of plan investments to the anticipated return for each asset category based on historical and projected returns.

Components of Net Periodic Pension Cost

Net periodic benefit cost:	2023	2022	2021		
Service cost	\$ (32)	\$ (56)	\$ (72)		
Interest cost	(23)	(10)	(7)		
Expected return on plan					
assets	18	15	11		
Amortization of prior service					
credit	1	1	1		
Recognized actuarial gain					
(loss)	4	(9)	(16)		

	2	2023	2	022
Fair value of plan assets	\$	485	\$	420
Benefit obligations		(826)		(673)
Funded status	\$	\$ (341)		(253)
Reported as:				
Noncurrent assets—other assets	\$	21	\$	21
Current liabilities—accrued compensation		(3)		(3)
Noncurrent liabilities—other liabilities		(359)		(271)
Pre-tax amounts recognized in AOCI:				
Unrecognized net actuarial gain (loss)		(39)		33
Unrecognized prior service credit		11		11
Total	\$	(28)	\$	44
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Change in Benefit Obligations

	202	3	_2	022
Beginning projected benefit obligations	\$ 67	73	\$1	,036
Service cost	:	32		56
Interest cost	:	23		10
Foreign exchange impact	:	32		(56)
Employee contributions		7		5
Actuarial (gains) losses		79		(354)
Benefits paid	(2	20)		(24)
Ending projected benefit obligations	\$ 82	26	\$	673
Ending accumulated benefit obligations	\$ 79	90	\$	645

Change in Plan Assets

	2023	2022
Beginning fair value of plan assets	\$ 420	\$ 543
Actual return	29	(109)
Employer contributions	23	19
Employee contributions	7	5
Foreign exchange impact	22	(24)
Benefits paid	(16)	(14)
Ending fair value of plan assets	\$ 485	\$ 420

Allocation of Plan Assets

	2024	2023	2022		
	Target	Actual	Actual		
Equity securities	25 %	28 %	27 %		
Debt securities	41	37	38		
Other	34	35	35		
Total	100 %	100 %	100 %		

Valuation of Plan Assets

2023	Le	vel 1	Le	vel 2 Le	evel 3	Total
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	15	\$	- \$	- \$	15
Equity securities		20		130	_	150

NOTE 13 - SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY DATA (UNAUDITED)

2023 Quarters	N	1ar 31	J	un 30	S	ep 30	0	ec 31		
Net sales	\$	4,778	\$	4,996	\$	4,909	\$	5,815		
Gross profit		3,016		3,181		3,158		3,703		
Earnings before income										
taxes		679		899		869		1,226		
Net earnings		592		738		692		1,143		
Net earnings per share of common										
stock:										
Basic	\$	1.56	\$	1.95	\$	1.82	\$	3.01		
Diluted	\$	1.54	\$	1.93	\$	1.80	\$	2.98		
Dividends declared per										
share of common stock	\$	0.75	\$	0.75	\$	0.75	\$	0.80		
2022 Quarters	N	1ar 31	J	un 30	S	ep 30	C	ec 31		
Net sales	\$	4,275	\$	4,493	\$	4,479	\$	5,202		
Gross profit		2,734		2,826		2,782		3,236		
Earnings before income										
taxes		386		720		816		761		
Net earnings		323		656		816		563		
Net earnings per shar	e d	of com	mc	on						
stock:										
Basic	\$	0.86	\$	1.73	\$	2.16	\$	1.48		
Diluted	\$	0.84	\$	1.72	\$	2.14	\$	1.47		
Dividends declared per										

Dividends decialed per

share of common stock $\$ 0.695 $\$ 0.695 $\$ 0.695 $\$ 0.750

NOTE 14 - SEGMENT AND GEOGRAPHIC DATA

We segregate our operations into two reportable business segments: (i) MedSurg and Neurotechnology and (ii) Orthopaedics and Spine which aligns to our internal reporting structure and how the Company manages its businesses.

The Corporate and Other category shown in the table below includes corporate and administration, corporate initiatives and share-based compensation, which includes compensation related to employee stock options, restricted stock units and performance stock unit grants and director stock options and restricted stock unit grants.

Segment Results	2023	2022	2021
MedSurg and			
Neurotechnology	\$ 11,836	\$ 10,611	\$ 9,538
Orthopaedics and Spine	8,662	7,838	7,570
Net sales	\$20,498	\$18,449	\$17,108
Net sales MedSurg and	\$20,498	\$18,449	\$17,108
110.1011.00	\$20,498 \$ 564	\$18,449 \$ 540	\$17,108 \$ 518

Segment depreciation and

Segment Assets and Capital Spending

Assets:	2	023	2	022		
MedSurg and						
Neurotechnology	\$ 2	0,514	\$ 1	8,487		
Orthopaedics and Spine	1	8,313	1	7,466		
Total segment assets	\$38	8,827	\$3	5,953		
Corporate and Other		1,085		931		
Total assets	\$39	9,912	\$3	6,884		
Purchases of property,						
plant and equipment:	2023		2022		2021	
MedSurg and						
Neurotechnology	\$	179	\$	173	\$	197
Orthopaedics and Spine		183		175		165
Total segment purchases						
of property, plant and						
equipment	\$	362	\$	348	\$	362
Corporate and Other		213		240		163
Total purchases of						
property, plant and						
equipment	\$	575	\$	588	\$	525

We measure the financial results of our reportable segments using an internal performance measure that excludes acquisition and integration-related charges, structural optimization and other special charges, goodwill impairment, reserves for certain product recall matters and reserves for certain legal and regulatory matters. Identifiable assets are those assets used exclusively in the operations of each business segment or allocated when used jointly. Corporate assets are principally property, plant and equipment and noncurrent assets. Certain assets in 2022 have been reallocated to the segments to conform with current year presentation.

The countries in which we have local revenue generating operations have been combined into the following geographic areas: the United States; Europe, Middle East, Africa; Asia Pacific; and other foreign countries, which include Canada and countries in the Latin American region. Net sales are reported based on the geographic area of the Stryker location where the sales to the customer originated.

Geographic Information

				Net Pr	operty,			
				Plan	t and			
		Net Sales		Equipment				
	2023	2022	2021	2023	2022			
United								
States	\$ 15,257	\$ 13,638	\$ 12,321	\$ 1,874	\$ 1,791			

NOTE 15 - ASSET IMPAIRMENTS

Asset impairments recognized in 2023 were not significant. Asset impairments recognized in 2022 included \$47 to write off long-lived and intangible assets primarily as a result of the exit of certain product lines.

The government in China conducts regional and national volume-based procurement (VBP) programs for high-value medical consumables as part of its efforts to reduce healthcare costs. Each VBP program has specific requirements to award contracts to the lowest bidders who are able to satisfy the quality and quantity requirements. As a result of the outcome of certain regional programs for our trauma products and the national VBP program for hips and knees we recorded charges of \$105 to impair certain long-lived and intangible assets in 2021. These charges were included in selling, general and administrative expenses.

In addition to the above, we recorded asset impairments of \$159 in 2021 consisting primarily of in-process research and development, other intangible assets and property, plant and equipment as a result of COVID-19-related demand impacts on in-process product development and certain other divestiture and restructuring activities. These charges were included in selling, general and administrative expenses.

ITEM 9. CHANGES IN AND
DISAGREEMENTS WITH
ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING
AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE.

Not applicable.

ITEM 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

The Company's management, with the participation of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer (the Certifying Officers), evaluated the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) or 15d-15(e) promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) (Exchange Act) as of December 31, 2023. Based on that evaluation, the Certifying Officers concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of December 31, 2023.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There was no change to our internal control over financial reporting during the fourth quarter of 2023 that materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

The Company's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting, as such term is defined in Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(f). The Company's internal control over financial reporting was designed to provide reasonable assurance to the Company's management and Board of Directors regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and includes those policies and procedures that: (i) pertain to the maintenance of records that in reasonable detail accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the Company; (ii) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the Company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the Company; and (iii) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Shareholders and the Board of Directors of Stryker Corporation

Opinion on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

We have audited Stryker Corporation and subsidiaries' internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2023, based on criteria established in Internal Control—Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (2013 framework) (the COSO criteria). In our opinion, Stryker Corporation and subsidiaries (the Company) maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2023, based on the COSO criteria.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB), the 2023 consolidated financial statements of the Company and our report dated February 14, 2024 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

Basis for Opinion

The Company's management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting included in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit. We are a public accounting firm registered with the PCAOB and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects.

Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk, and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the

assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Grand Rapids, Michigan February 14, 2024

ITEM 9B. OTHER INFORMATION.

Certain of our officers or directors have made elections to participate in, and are participating in, our employee stock purchase plan and 401(k) plan and have made, and may from time to time make, elections to have shares withheld to cover withholding taxes due or pay the exercise price of stock options, restricted stock units and performance stock units, which may constitute non-Rule 10b5-1 trading arrangements (as defined in Item 408(c) of Regulation S-K).

ITEM 9C. DISCLOSURE REGARDING FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS THAT PREVENT INSPECTIONS.

Not applicable.

PART III

ITEM 10. DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE.

Information regarding our executive officers appears under the caption "Information about our Executive Officers" in Part I, Item 1 of this report.

Information regarding our directors and certain corporate governance and other matters appearing under the captions "Proposal 1— Election of Directors," "Corporate Governance," and "Additional Information—Delinquent Section 16(a) Reports" in the 2024 proxy statement is incorporated herein by reference.

The Corporate Governance Guidelines adopted by our Board of Directors, as well as the charters of each of the Audit Committee, the Governance and Nominating Committee and the Compensation Committee and the Code of Conduct applicable to the principal executive officer president principal financial officer and

restricted stock units (RSUs) and performance stock units (PSUs) were made. Options and RSUs were also awarded under a previous plan. Additional information regarding our equity compensation plans appears in Note 1 and Note 9 to our Consolidated Financial Statements. On December 31, 2023 we also had a stock performance incentive award program pursuant to which shares of our common stock were and may be issued to certain employees with respect to performance. The status of these plans, each of which were previously submitted to and approved by our shareholders, on December 31, 2023 is as follows:

Plan 2008	be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants	average exercise price of	for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding shares reflected in the first column)
Employee Stock Purchase Plan			
2011 Long- Term Incentive Plan ⁽¹⁾	12,344,284	\$ 189.70	20,270,016
2011 Performance Incentive Award Plan	N/A	N/A	261,342
Total			24,308,685

(1) The 2011 Long-Term Incentive Plan securities to be issued upon exercise include 704,052 RSUs and 187,474 PSUs. The weighted-average exercise prices does not take these awards into account.

ITEM 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS, AND DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE.

The information under the caption "Corporate Governance" and "Corporate Governance—Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions" in the 2024 proxy statement is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES.

PART IV

ITEM 15. EXHIBITS, FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES.

(a) 1. Financial Statements

The following Consolidated Financial Statements are set forth in Part II, Item 8 of this report.

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(a) 2. Financial Statement Schedules

The Consolidated Financial Statement schedule of Stryker Corporation and its subsidiaries is:

SCHEDULE II - VALUATION AND QUALIFYING ACCOUNTS

			Additio	ons		Deduct	ions	ons			
Description	Beginn	ing	Charge Costs	&	Amo Writte Ne	ectible unts en Off, t of	Effect of Changes in Foreign Currency Exchange Rates		at	Balance at End of Period	
Description	of Peri	oa	Expens	ses ——	Recov	veries	ка	tes	Pe	rioa	
DEDUCTED FROM ASSET ACCOUNTS											
Allowance for Doubtful Accounts:											
Year ended December 31, 2023	\$ 1	.54	\$	69	\$	40	\$	1	\$	182	
Year ended December 31, 2022	\$ 1	.67	\$	41	\$	52	\$	2	\$	154	
Year ended December 31, 2021	\$ 1	.31	\$	61	\$	23	\$	2	\$	167	

All other schedules for which provision is made in the applicable accounting regulation of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission are not required under the related instructions or are inapplicable and, therefore, have been omitted.

(a) 3. Exhibits

FORM 10-K—ITEM 15(a) 3. AND ITEM 15(c) STRYKER CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit 2—	Plan of Acquisition, Reorganization, Arrangement, Liquidation or Succession
(i)	Purchase Agreement, dated as of November 4, 2019, among Stryker Corporation, Stryker B.V. and Wright Medical Group N.V. — Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to the Company's Form 8-K dated November 6, 2019 (Commission File No. 001-13149).
(ii) ©	Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of January 6, 2022, by and among Stryker Corporation, Voice Merger Sub Corp., and Vocera Communications, Inc. — Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to the Company's Form 8-K dated January 11, 2022 (Commission File No. 001-13149).
Exhibit 3—	Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws
(i)	Restated Articles of Incorporation — Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3(i) to the Company's Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2018 (Commission File No. 00-09165).
(ii)	Amended and Restated Bylaws - Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3(ii) to the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022 (Commission File No. 001-13149).
Exhibit 4—	Instruments defining the rights of security holders, including indentures—We agree to furnish to the Commission upon request a copy of each instrument pursuant to which long-term debt of Stryker Corporation and its subsidiaries not exceeding 10% of the total assets of Stryker Corporation and its consolidated subsidiaries is authorized.
(i)	Indenture, dated January 15, 2010, between Stryker Corporation and U.S. Bank National Association.— Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Form 8-K dated January 15, 2010 (Commission File No. 000-09165).
(ii)	Fifth Supplemental Indenture (including the form of 2043 note) dated March 25, 2013, between Stryker Corporation and U.S. Bank National Association.— Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to the Company's Form 8-K dated March 25, 2013 (Commission File No. 000-09165).

Dollar amounts in millions except per share amounts or as otherwise specified.

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(iii)	Sixth Supplemental Indenture (including the form of 2024 note), dated May 1, 2014, between Stryker Corporation and U.S. Bank National Association.— Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Company's Form 8-K dated May 1, 2014 (Commission File No. 000-09165).
(iv)	Seventh Supplemental Indenture (including the form of 2044 note), dated May 1, 2014, between
	Stryker Corporation and U.S. Bank National Association.— Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to the Company's Form 8-K dated May 1, 2014 (Commission File No. 000-09165).
(v)	Eighth Supplemental Indenture (including the form of 2025 note), dated October 29, 2015, between Stryker Corporation and U.S. Bank National association.— Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Company's Form 8-K dated October 29, 2015 (Commission File No. 000-09165).
(vi)	Eleventh Supplemental Indenture (including the form of the 2026 note), dated March 10, 2016, between Stryker Corporation and U.S. Bank National Association.— Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.4 to the Company's Form 8-K dated March 10, 2016 (Commission File No. 000-09615).
(vii)	Twelfth Supplemental Indenture (including the form of the 2046 note), dated March 10, 2016, between Stryker Corporation and U.S. Bank National Association. — Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.5 to the Company's Form 8-K dated March 10, 2016 (Commission File No. 000-09615).
(viii)	Fourteenth Supplemental Indenture (including the form of the 2028 note), dated March 7, 2018, between Stryker Corporation and U.S. Bank National Association. — Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Company's Form 8-K dated March 7, 2018 (Commission File No. 000-09615).
(ix)	Sixteenth Supplemental Indenture (including the form of the 2027 note), dated November 30, 2018, between Stryker Corporation and U.S. Bank National Association. — Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to the Company's Form 8-K dated November 30, 2018 (Commission File No. 000-09615).
(x)	Seventeenth Supplemental Indenture (including the form of the 2030 note), dated November 30, 2018, between Stryker Corporation and U.S. Bank National Association. — Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.4 to the Company's Form 8-K dated November 30, 2018 (Commission File No. 000-09615).
(xi)	Nineteenth Supplemental Indenture (including the form of the 2024 note), dated December 3, 2019, between Stryker Corporation and U.S. Bank National Association. — Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Company's Form 8-K dated December 3, 2019 (Commission File No. 001-13149).
(xii)	Twentieth Supplemental Indenture (including the form of the 2029 note), dated December 3, 2019, between Stryker Corporation and U.S. Bank National Association. — Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to the Company's Form 8-K dated December 3, 2019 (Commission File No. 001-13149).
(xiii)	Twenty-First Supplemental Indenture (including the form of the 2031 note), dated December 3, 2019, between Stryker Corporation and U.S. Bank National Association. — Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.4 to the Company's Form 8-K dated December 3, 2019 (Commission File No. 001-13149).
(xiv)	Twenty-Second Supplemental Indenture (including the form of the 2025 note), dated June 4, 2020, between Stryker Corporation and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee - Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Company's Form 8-K dated June 4, 2020 (Commission File No. 001-13149).
(xv)	Twenty-Third Supplemental Indenture (including the form of the 2030 note), dated June 4, 2020, between Stryker Corporation and U.S. Bank National Association — Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to the Company's Form 8-K dated June 4, 2020 (Commission File No. 001-13149).
(xvi)	Twenty-Fourth Supplemental Indenture (including the form of the 2050 note), dated June 4, 2020, between Stryker Corporation and U.S. Bank National Association — Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.4 to the Company's Form 8-K dated June 4, 2020 (Commission File No. 001-13149).
(xvii)	Twenty-Sixth Supplemental Indenture (including the form of the 2028 note), dated December 8, 2023, between Stryker Corporation and U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as trustee — Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Company's Form 8-K dated December 8, 2023 (Commission File No. 001-13149).
(xviii)	Twenty-Seventh Supplemental Indenture (including the form of the 2028 note), dated December 11,

(ix)*	Form of grant notice and terms and conditions for restricted stock units granted in 2022 under the 2011 Long-Term Incentive Plan — Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(ii) to the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021 (Commission File No. 001-13149).
(x)*	Form of grant notice and terms and conditions for performance stock units granted in 2022 under the 2011 Long-Term Incentive Plan — Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii) to the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021 (Commission File No. 001-13149).
(xi)*	Form of grant notice and terms and conditions for stock options granted in 2021 under the 2011 Long-Term Incentive Plan — Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(i) to the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2020 (Commission File No. 001-13149).
(xii)*	Form of grant notice and terms and conditions for restricted stock units granted in 2021 under the 2011 Long-Term Incentive Plan — Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(ii) to the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2020 (Commission File No. 001-13149).
(xiii)*	Form of grant notice and terms and conditions for performance stock units granted in 2021 under the 2011 Long-Term Incentive Plan — Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii) to the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2020 (Commission File No. 001-13149).
(xiv)*	Form of grant notice and terms and conditions for restricted stock units granted in 2022 under the 2011 Long-Term Incentive Plan to non-employee directors — Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(i) to the Company's Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2022 (Commission File No. 001-13149).
(xv)*	Form of grant notice and terms and conditions for restricted stock units granted in 2021 under the 2011 Long-Term Incentive Plan to non-employee directors — Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(i) to the Company's Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2021 (Commission File No. 001-13149).
(xvi)*	Form of grant notice and terms and conditions for restricted stock units granted in 2020 under the 2011 Long-Term Incentive Plan to non-employee directors — Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(i) to the Company's Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2020 (Commission File No. 001-13149).
(xvii)*	2011 Long-Term Incentive Plan (as amended effective February 4, 2020) — Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(i) to the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019 (Commission File No. 001-13149).
(xviii)*	Form of grant notice and terms and conditions for stock options granted in 2020 under the 2011 Long-Term Incentive Plan — Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(ii) to the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019 (Commission File No. 001-13149).
(xix)*	Form of grant notice and terms and conditions for restricted stock units granted in 2020 under the 2011 Long-Term Incentive Plan — Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii) to the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019 (Commission File No. 001-13149).
(xx)*	Form of grant notice and terms and conditions for performance stock units granted in 2020 under the 2011 Long-Term Incentive Plan — Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iv) to the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019 (Commission File No. 001-13149).
(xxi)*	Form of terms and conditions for restricted stock units granted to non-employee directors in 2019 under the 2011 Long-Term Incentive Plan — Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(v) to the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019 (Commission File No. 001-13149).
(xxii)*	Supplemental Savings and Retirement Plan (as amended effective January 1, 2008 and January 1, 2019) — Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(vi) to the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019 (Commission File No. 001-13149).
(xxiii)*	Form of grant notice and terms and conditions for stock options granted in 2019 under the 2011 Long-Term Incentive Plan — Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(ii) to the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2018 (Commission File No. 001-13149).
(xxiv)*	Form of grant notice and terms and conditions for restricted stock units granted in 2019 under the 2011 Long-Term Incentive Plan — Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii) to the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2018 (Commission File No. 001-13149).

(xxxiii)*	Letter Agreement between Stryker Corporation and Timothy J. Scannell — Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Form 8-K dated August 18, 2021 (Commission File No. 001-13149).
(xxxiv)	Form of Indemnification Agreement for Directors — Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10 (xiv) to the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 (Commission File No. 000-09165).
(xxxv)	Form of Indemnification Agreement for Certain Officers—Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10 (xv) to the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 (Commission File No. 000-09165).
(xxxvi)	Settlement Agreement between Howmedica Osteonics Corp. and the counsel listed on the signature pages thereto, dated as of November 3, 2014 (Rejuvenate and ABF II Hip Implant Products Liability Litigation) — Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10xxiii to the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 (Commission File No. 000-09165).
(xxxvii)	Credit Agreement, dated as of October 26, 2021, among Stryker Corporation as borrower; the lenders party thereto; and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as administrative agent — Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(i) to the Company's Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2021 (Commission File No. 001-13149).
(xxxviii)	Amendment No. 1, dated June 15, 2023, to Credit Agreement, dated as of October 26, 2021, by and among Stryker Corporation, the other borrowers party thereto, the lenders from time to time party thereto and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as administrative agent — Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Form 8-K dated June 16, 2023 (Commission File No. 000-09165).
Exhibit 21	Subsidiaries of the registrant
(i) †	List of Subsidiaries.
Exhibit 23	Consent of experts and counsel
(i) †	Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.

Exhibit 31—	Rule 13a-14(a) Certifications	
(i) †	Certification by Principal Executive Officer of Stryker Corporation.	
(ii) †	Certification by Principal Financial Officer of Stryker Corporation.	
Exhibit 32—	18 U.S.C. Section 1350 Certifications	
(i) ††	Certification by Principal Executive Officer of Stryker Corporation.	
(ii) ††	Certification by Principal Financial Officer of Stryker Corporation.	
Exhibit 97—	Policy Relating to Recovery of Erroneously Awarded Compensation	
(i) †	Stryker Corporation Mandatory Clawback Policy	
Exhibit 101	iXBRL (Inline Extensible Business Reporting Language) Documents	
101.INS	iXBRL Instance Document	
101.SCH	iXBRL Schema Document	
101.CAL	iXBRL Calculation Linkbase Document	
101.DEF	iXBRL Definition Linkbase Document	
101.LAB	iXBRL Label Linkbase Document	
101.PRE	iXBRL Presentation Linkbase Document	
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (the cover page XBRL tags are embedded within the Inline XBRL document)	

- * Compensation arrangement
- † Filed with this Form 10-K
- †† Furnished with this Form 10-K
- © Schedules have been omitted pursuant to Item 601(a)(5) of Regulation S-K. Stryker hereby agrees to furnish supplementally a copy of any omitted schedule upon request by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

ITEM 16. FORM 10-K SUMMARY.

None.

Date: February 14, 2024

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) 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.

STRYKER CORPORATION

/s/ GLENN S. BOEHNLEIN

Glenn S. Boehnlein

Vice President, Chief Financial Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on the date indicated above on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities indicated.

/s/ KEVIN A. LOBO	/s/ GLENN S. BOEHNLEIN	
Kevin A. Lobo	Glenn S. Boehnlein	
Chair, Chief Executive Officer and President	Vice President, Chief Financial Officer	
(Principal Executive Officer)	(Principal Financial Officer)	
/s/ WILLIAM E. BERRY JR.		
William E. Berry, Jr.		
Vice President, Chief Accounting Officer		
(Principal Accounting Officer)		
/s/ SHERILYN S. MCCOY	/s/ ANDREW K. SILVERNAIL	
Sherilyn S. McCoy	Andrew K. Silvernail	
Lead Independent Director	Director	
/s/ MARY K. BRAINERD	/s/ LISA M. SKEETE TATUM	
Mary K. Brainerd	Lisa M. Skeete Tatum	
Director	Director	
/s/ GIOVANNI CAFORIO	/s/ RONDA E. STRYKER	
Giovanni Caforio, M.D.	Ronda E. Stryker	
Director	Director	
/s/ SRIKANT M. DATAR	/s/ RAJEEV SURI	
Srikant M. Datar, Ph.D.	Rajeev Suri	
Director	Director	
/s/ ALLAN C. GOLSTON		
Allan C. Golston		
Director		