

SMITH & NEPHEW PLC  
Form 6-K  
July 10, 2008

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**Report of Foreign Private Issuer**

**Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16  
of the Securities Exchange Act of  
1934**

July 10, 2008

Commission File Number 001-14978

**SMITH & NEPHEW plc**  
(Registrant's name)

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

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Yes

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### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Smith & Nephew Plc  
(Registrant)

Date: July 10, 2008

By: /s/ Paul Chambers  
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Paul Chambers  
Company Secretary

## Smith & Nephew appoints Non-Executive Director

10 July 2008

Smith & Nephew plc (LSE: SN, NYSE: SNN), the global medical technology business, announces the appointment of an additional Non-Executive Director to the Board.

Joseph C. Papa, aged 52, and based in Michigan is Chairman of Perrigo Company. Perrigo is a leading global healthcare supplier that develops, manufactures and distributes over-the-counter and prescription pharmaceuticals, nutritional products, active pharmaceutical ingredients and consumer products. Joe has considerable experience in

sales and marketing and has held senior management positions with Cardinal Health, Watson Pharmaceuticals, G.D. Searle and Novartis.

Joe will join the Board on 1 August 2008.

He has no details to disclose under paragraph 9.6.13 (2) to 9.6.13 (6) of The Listing Rules.

John Buchanan, Chairman of Smith & Nephew, said today: "We are delighted that Joe has agreed to join the Board. He will bring additional international experience in the medical technology industry. We are looking forward to working with him."

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**About Smith & Nephew**

Smith & Nephew is a global medical technology business, specialising in Orthopaedic Reconstruction, Orthopaedic Trauma and Clinical Therapies, Endoscopy and Advanced Wound Management products. Smith & Nephew is a global leader in arthroscopy and advanced wound management and is one of the leading global orthopaedics companies.

Smith & Nephew is dedicated to helping improve people's lives. The Company prides itself on the strength of its relationships with its surgeons and professional healthcare customers, with whom its name is synonymous with high standards of performance, innovation and trust. The Company operates in 32 countries around the world. Annual sales in 2007 were \$3.4 billion.

### **About Perrigo Company**

Perrigo Company is a leading global healthcare supplier that develops, manufactures and distributes over-the-counter (OTC) and prescription pharmaceuticals, nutritional products, active pharmaceutical ingredients (API) and consumer products. The Company is the world's largest manufacturer of OTC pharmaceutical products for the store brand market. The Company's primary markets and locations of manufacturing facilities are the United States, Israel, Mexico and the United Kingdom. Visit Perrigo on the Internet (<http://www.perrigo.com>).