

Hill-Rom, Stryker settle patent beef

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Hill-Rom and Stryker settle a patent infringement lawsuit over powered hospital bed wheels.



[Hill-Rom Holdings](#) [1] (NYSE:[HRC](#) [2]) settled 1 of 2 patent spats with [Stryker](#) [3] (NYSE:[SYK](#) [4]) over 10 patents covering motorized hospital bed wheels, with Stryker forking over nearly \$3.8 million to put the case to rest, according to regulatory filings.

Batesville, Indiana-based Hill-Rom said it accrued \$3.6 million from the settlement, net of legal expenses. Both companies said the outcome of the 2nd case has yet to be determined, according to the filings.

Kalamazoo, Mich.-based Stryker said that case involves 9 patents covering "electrical network communications for hospital beds," [according to 1 of the filings](#) [5].

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