

PATTERSON DENTAL CO  
Form 8-K  
April 16, 2003

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

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**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT**  
**TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE**  
**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**April 14, 2003**

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported)

**PATTERSON DENTAL COMPANY**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**Minnesota**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**0-20572**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**41-0886515**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**1031 Mendota Heights Road**

**St. Paul, Minnesota 55120**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices, including Zip Code)

**(651) 686-1600**

(Registrant's Telephone Number, including Area Code)

ITEM 5 OTHER EVENTS

Reference is made to the press release issued to the public by the registrant on April 14, 2003, announcing certain management changes. Such press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99 and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 7 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits

99 Press release dated April 14, 2003.

**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 hereunto duly authorized.

PATTERSON DENTAL COMPANY

Date: April 16, 2003

By:

/s/ Matthew L. Levitt

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Matthew L. Levitt

Secretary and General Counsel

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
99	Press release dated April 14, 2003.