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**PATTERSON DENTAL EXTENDS EXCLUSIVE DISTRIBUTION AGREEMENT
WITH SCHICK TECHNOLOGIES, INC.**

Patterson Dental has announced a three-year extension with Schick Technologies, Inc. to serve as the exclusive distributor for Schick digital dental X-ray products in the U.S. and Canada. With this agreement, the two technology leaders extend an exclusive partnership in effect since May 1, 2000.

“Our renewed agreement demonstrates the strength of our partnership and our ability to innovate and bring the best digital products to dental practices,” Patterson Dental President Paul Guggenheim said. “We are fully committed to being the North American market leader with Schick and to working closely with dental professionals to realize the wide-ranging benefits of our combined strengths.”

Terms of the distribution agreement, effective through December 31, 2012, renew Patterson’s key role in the promotion, sales, installation, service and support of Schick’s digital product line through full-service branch offices across North America. Resources for dental professionals who invest in today’s digital solutions include an unprecedented support infrastructure led by the Patterson Technology Center.

“We are proud of the progress made in the first 10 years of our partnership with Schick and look forward to the many exciting solutions for dental practices to come,” Guggenheim said.

About Patterson Dental

Patterson Dental, a leading distributor of dental products, equipment and technology in the U.S. and Canada, serves as the largest business in the progressive, global Patterson Companies (Nasdaq: [PDCO](#)) family of businesses. Patterson is committed to creating value for customers through products, services and lasting relationships. Dental professionals who partner with Patterson enjoy the convenience and peace of mind that come with relying on one trusted source for everything they need.

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