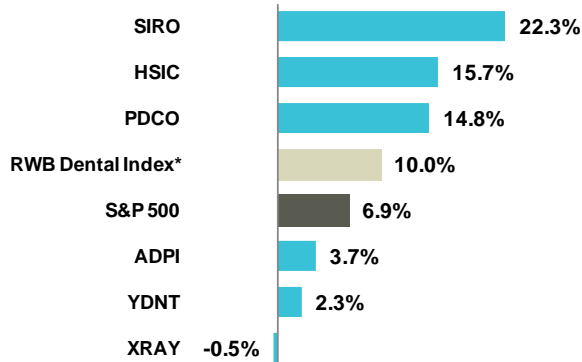




Industry Overview

- **Dental YTD Scorecard:** RWB Dental Sector up 10.0% vs. S&P up 6.9%. YTD leaders include SIRO (+22%), HSIC (+16%), and PDCO (+15%), while YTD laggards include ADPI (+4%) and XRAY (-1%).
- **Week ending April 16:** RWB Dental Index up 2.3% vs. S&P down 0.2%, with ADPI (+5.3%) and PDCO (+2.9%) posting the greatest gains.
- **Valuation – vs. historical.** Of our six names under coverage, five continue to trade at NTM P/E multiples below their five year average, while ADPI currently trades just above its five year average.
- **Valuation – relative.** Relative to the S&P 500, the entire dental group trades at a 1.24x multiple vs. 5-year avg of 1.33x.

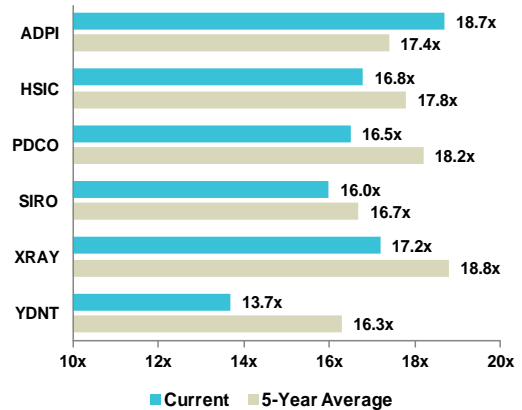
Dental YTD Performance



*RWB Dental Index includes ADPI, ALGN, BLTI, BDMS, HSIC, PDCO, SIRO, XRAY, & YDNT

Source: FactSet

Dental Valuation – NTM P/E



Source: FactSet

Dental Billings

Key Practice Metrics

- **Number of Patients Seen (2,500+ offices):** Week ending April 10 +7% y/y, trailing four weeks +4% y/y.
- **Clinical Oral Evaluations (2,500+ offices):** Week ending April 10 +7% y/y, trailing four weeks +8% y/y.

Procedure Specific Trends

- **Preventative Procedures (2,500+ offices):** Week ending April 10 +8% y/y, trailing four weeks +7% y/y.
- **Endodontics (1,000+ offices):** Week ending April 10 +9% y/y, trailing four weeks +5% y/y.
- **Crowns (2,500+ offices):** Week ending April 10 +5% y/y, trailing four weeks +7% y/y.
- **Dental Implants (300+ offices):** Week ending April 10 +28% y/y, trailing four weeks -12% y/y.

Calendar of Events

- April 22: ZMH, DHR, ALGN, and YDNT release C'Q1 results
- April 29: XRAY releases Q1 results
- April 30-May 4: American Assoc Orthodontists (Wash DC)
- May 13-17: CDA (Calif Dental Assoc Meeting – Anaheim)
- May 18-20: Baird Growth Stock Conf (HSIC, XRAY, SIRO)

Recent News

- 4/14 – **Biomet** reported a 1% ww cc decline in its 3i dental implant business for FQ3-10 (period end 2/28/10) vs. an 8% ww cc decline last qtr. US sales returned to positive growth (+1% vs. -8% last qtr) for the first time in nearly two years.
- 4/13 – Robert W. Baird Spring 2010 Dental Survey published, highlights include: (1) 160bp improvement in y/y patient volumes relative to our Fall 2009 survey (-2.7% in Spring 2010 vs. -4.3% in Fall 2009), (2) notable inflection point in March with regards to patient volumes and practice revenues, (3) dental equipment outlook remains cautious (38% of respondents expect to spend less on dental equipment in 2010 vs. 2009 vs. 26% who expect to spend more), but (4) 41% of respondents noted that recently improved patient volume/practice revenue trends have made them more willing or much more willing to purchase dental equipment this year.
- 4/7 – **Discus Dental** and **Zap Lasers** filed a lawsuit against **Biolase** (products exclusively distributed through HSIC) alleging patent and trademark infringement and that Biolase has engaged in unfair competition.
- 4/5 – **NADX** announced it is entering into a merger agreement with GeoDigm Corp, a portfolio company of Welsh Carson; deal priced at \$17/share (~70% premium), or just over 6.x NADX's 2009 EBITDA.

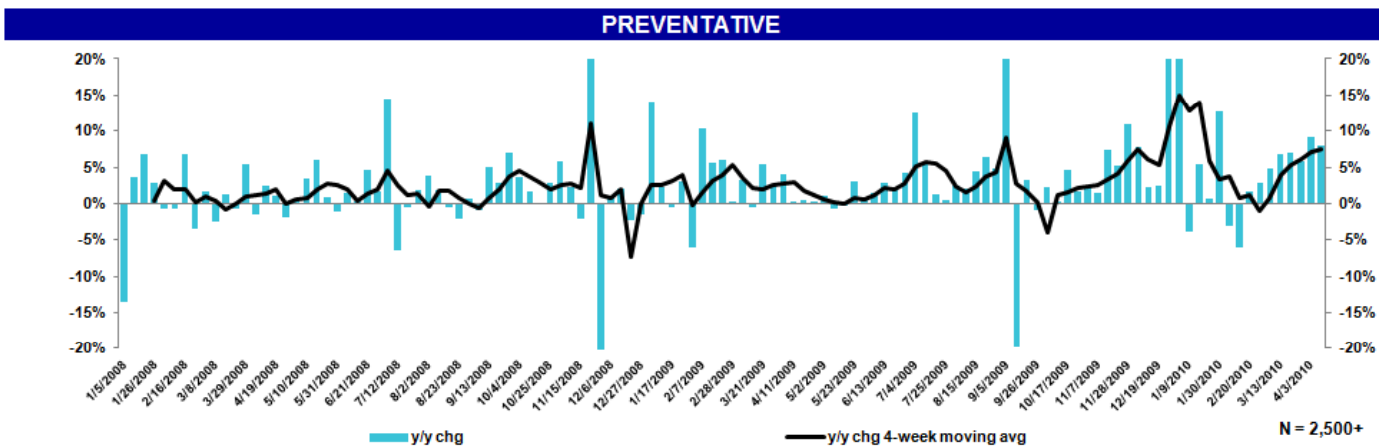
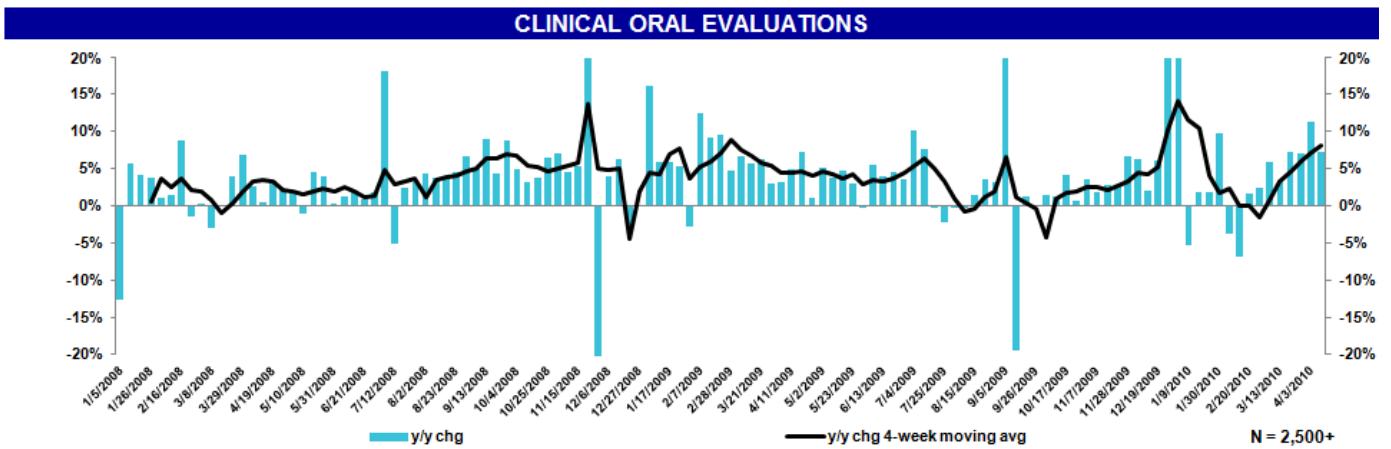
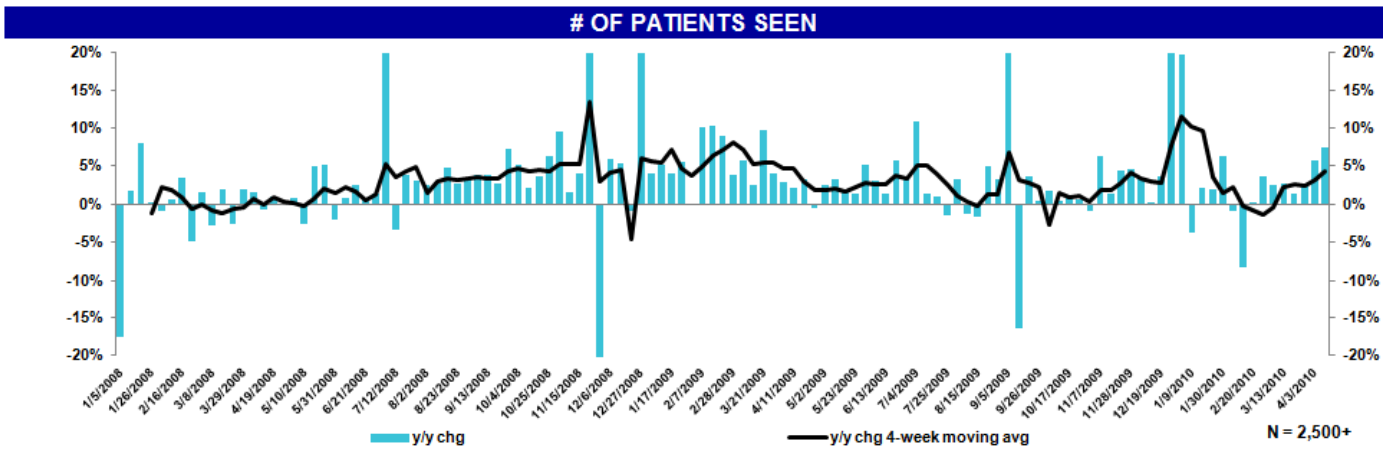
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General/Preventative Weekly Trends

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- **Number of Patients Seen:** +7.4% y/y for the week, trailing 4-week average +4.3% y/y and up ~110bp on sequential basis.
- **Clinical Oral Evaluations:** +7.2% y/y for the week, trailing 4-week average +8.2% y/y and up ~100bp on sequential basis.
- **Preventative Care:** Primarily includes cleanings, other general dental care; +8.0% y/y for the week, trailing 4-week average +7.4% y/y and up ~30bp on sequential basis.

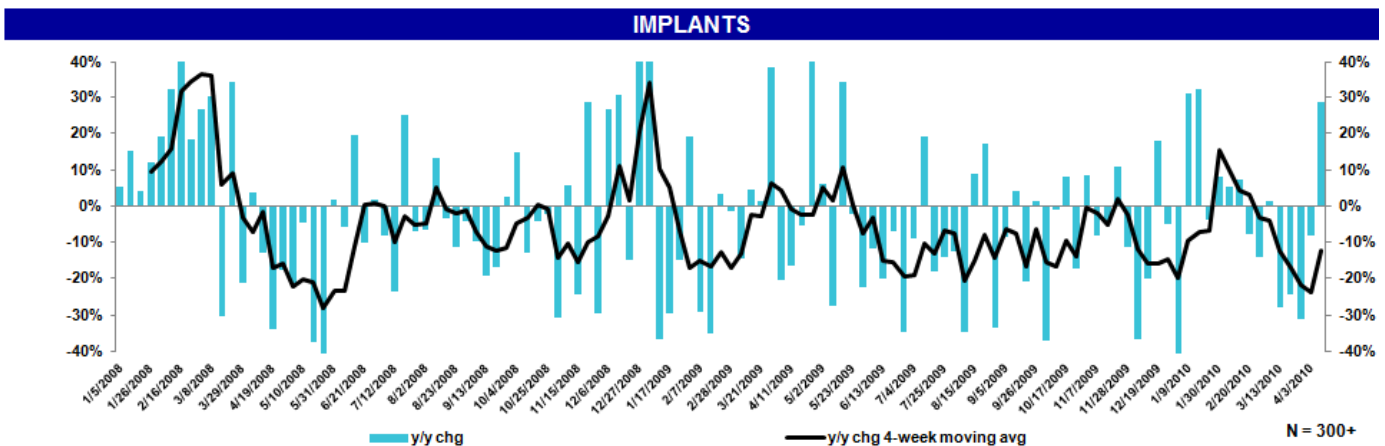
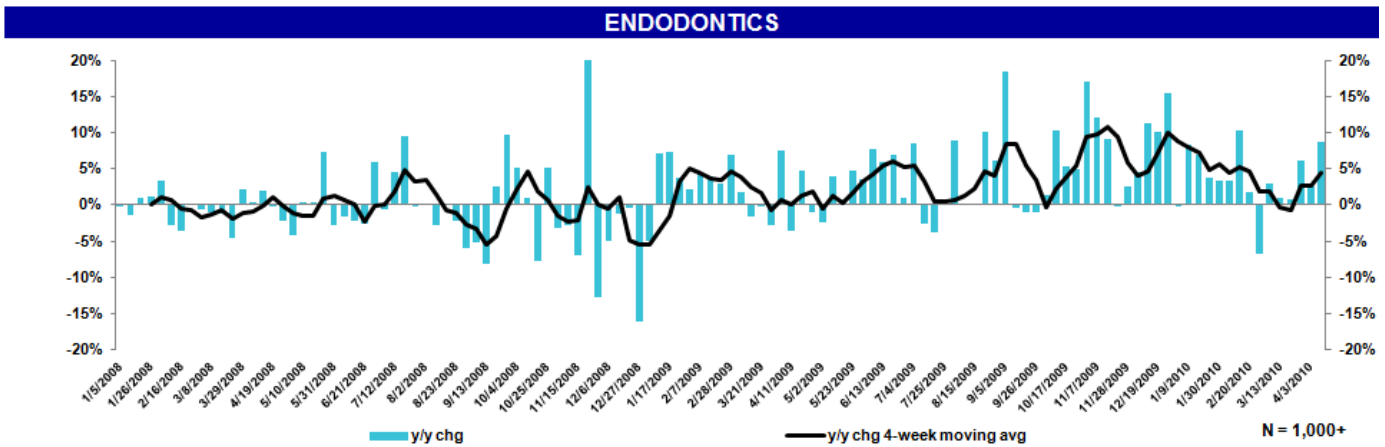
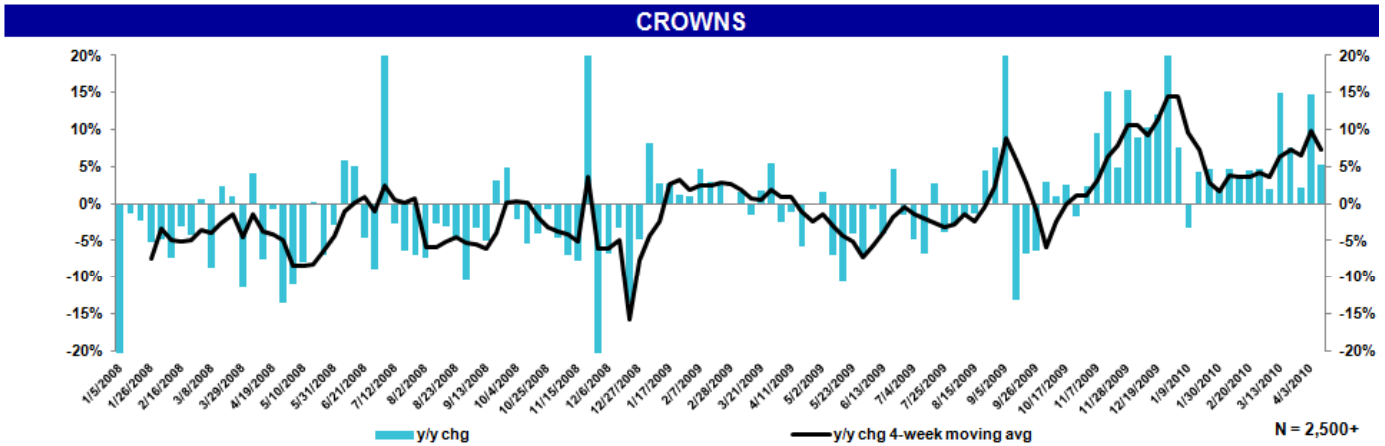


Source: Independent Data Source, Robert W. Baird & Co. Estimates

Restorative/Specialty Dental Trends

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- **Crowns:** An indicator of higher end, more expensive restorative dental work being performed; +5.4% y/y for the week, trailing 4-week average +7.4% y/y and down ~230bp on sequential basis.
- **Endodontics (root canal procedures):** +8.8% y/y for the week, trailing 4-week average +4.5% y/y and up ~190bp on sequential basis.
- **Dental Implants:** Smaller sample size may limit reliability (n=300 offices; mostly GP office tracked in our dataset); +28.5% y/y for the week, trailing 4-week average -12.4% y/y.



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