

ASSIGNMENT

We, Gregory R. Whittaker, Harold M. Martins, Joan M. Sullivan,
and Ronald L. Taylor, Jr., residing respectively at Stoneham, MA
Newton, MA, Hanover, MA, and Everett, MA,

having invented improvements in METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FIXING A GRAFT *
and having this day executed an application for United States patent describing
the same and based thereon (and we hereby authorize our attorney(s), authorized
to prosecute said application, to here insert the filing date and serial number
of said application, when known, Serial No. 09/014,937, Filed 01/28/98),
for good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged
from ETHICON, Inc. a New Jersey

corporation having its principal place of business in
Somerville, NJ hereinafter called the Assignee
(which term shall include its successors and assigns) do hereby sell, assign
and transfer unto the Assignee our entire right, title, and interest, in and
throughout the United States of America (including its territories and depend-
encies) and all countries foreign thereto, in and to and under said application
(which term shall include hereinafter where the context so admits all division-
al, continuing, reissue and other patent applications based thereon) and the
inventions (which term shall include each and every such invention, or any part
thereof) therein described, and any and all patents and like rights of exclu-
sion (including extensions thereof) of any country which may be granted on or
for said inventions or on said application.

And for the same consideration we do also hereby sell, assign and transfer unto
the Assignee all our rights under the International Convention for the Protec-
tion of Industrial Property and all other treaties of like purpose in respect
of said inventions and said application and we do hereby authorize the Assignee
to apply in our names or its own name for patents and like rights of exclusion
on or for said inventions in all countries, claiming (if the Assignee so de-
sires) the priority of the filing date of said application under the provisions
of said Convention or any such other treaty;

And for the same consideration we do hereby jointly and severally agree for
ourselves and for our respective heirs, executors and administrators, promptly
upon request of the Assignee, to execute and deliver without further compensa-
tion any power of attorney, assignment, original, divisional, continuing, re-
issue or other application or applications for patent or patents or like
rights of exclusion of any country, or other lawful documents and any further
assurances that may be deemed necessary or desirable by the Assignee fully to
secure to it said right, title, and interest as aforesaid in and to said in-
ventions, application, and said several patents and like rights of exclusion,
or any of them, all, however, at the expense of the Assignee;

And we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the
United States of America and the corresponding Officer of each country foreign
thereto to issue to the Assignee any and all patents and like rights of ex-
clusion which may be granted in any country upon said application or on or for
said inventions;

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And we do hereby jointly and severally covenant for ourselves and for our respective legal representatives and agree with the Assignee that we have granted no right or license to make, use or sell said inventions to anyone except the Assignee, that prior to the execution of this deed our right, title and interest in and to said inventions has not been otherwise encumbered by us, and that we have not executed and will not execute any instrument in conflict herewith.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we hereunto set our hands and seals on the day and year hereinafter noted.

Gregory R. Whittaker
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Harold M. Martins
Harold M. Martins
Joan M. Sullivan
Joan M. Sullivan
Ronald L. Taylor, Jr.
Ronald L. Taylor, Jr.

State of Massachusetts)
County of Norfolk) ss.

Before me this 8th day of July, 1998, personally appeared Gregory R. Whittaker, who is to me personally known, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed.

SEAL

Marylandini
NOTARY PUBLIC
My commission expires April 17, 2003

State of Massachusetts)
County of Norfolk) ss.

Before me this 9th day of July, 1998, personally appeared Harold M. Martins, who is to me personally known, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed.

SEAL

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NOTARY PUBLIC
My commission expires April 17, 2003

State of Massachusetts)
County of Norfolk) ss.

Before me this 8th day of July, 1998, personally appeared Joan M. Sullivan, who is to me personally known, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed.

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NOTARY PUBLIC
My commission expires April 17, 2003

State of Massachusetts)
County of Norfolk) ss.

Before me this 8th day of July, 1998, personally appeared Ronald L. Taylor, Jr., who is to me personally known, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed.

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