

ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, (1) Richard J. BARTOW, (2) James R. HANSON, (3) Richard L. McDANIEL, hereinafter called "ASSIGNORS", residing at (4) Jeffrey C. SHIERY and (5) Stanley T. PALMATIC (1) 115 Sunnyside Drive, Battle Creek, MI 49015; (2) 2477 Portside Ave., Portage, MI 49002; (3) 62212 Shafter Rd., Constantine, MI 49042; (4) 4199 D Drive South, East Leroy, MI 49015; and (5) 32397 County Road 665, Paw Paw, MI 49079 have invented certain new and useful improvements in WHEELED CARRIAGE HAVING AUXILIARY WHEEL SPACED FROM CENTER OF GRAVITY OF WHEELED BASE AND CAM APPARATUS CONTROLLING DEPLOYMENT OF AUXILIARY WHEEL AND DEPLOYABLE SIDE RAILS FOR THE WHEELED CARRIAGE for which an application for United States Letters Patent was signed by us on even date herewith; and

WHEREAS, Stryker Corporation hereinafter called "ASSIGNEE", a corporation of the State of Michigan having a place of business at 2725 Fairfield Road I.O. Box 4085 Kalamazoo, MI 49003-4085 is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to any Letters Patent that may be granted therefor in the United States and in any and all foreign countries.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to us in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and other valuable consideration, we the ASSIGNORS have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE the full and exclusive right to said invention in the United States and its territorial possessions and in all foreign countries and the entire right, title and interest in and to any and all Letters Patent which may be granted therefor in the United States and its territorial possessions and in any and all foreign countries and in and to any and all divisions, reissues, continuations and extensions thereof.

We hereby authorize and request the Patent Office Officials in the United States and in any and all foreign countries to issue any and all of said Letters Patent, when granted, to said ASSIGNEE as the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for the sole use and behoof of said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns.

FURTHER, we agree that we will communicate to said ASSIGNEE or its representatives any facts known to us respecting said invention, and testify in any legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuation, substitution, renewal and reissue applications, execute all necessary assignment papers to cause any and all of said Letters Patent to be issued to said ASSIGNEE, make all rightful oaths or declarations, and generally cooperate with said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper protection for said invention in the United States and in any and all foreign countries.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this 14TH day of JANUARY, 1999.

Signed in the presence of:

[Signature] Signed [Signature] Richard J. BARTOW

STATE OF)) ss.) COUNTY OF)

On this 14TH day of JANUARY, 1999 personally appeared before me the above-named Richard J. BARTOW,

to me known and known to me to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same to be their free act and deed in and for the purposes set forth in said instrument.

[Signature] Notary Public

SEAL

Cari C. Rutkoskie Notary Public My Commission expires Kalamazoo County, Michigan My Commission Expires: 7/18/02

Signed in the presence of:

Cari C. Rutkoskie

Signed:

James R. Hanson

James R. HANSON

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COUNTY OF)

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On this 14TH day of JANUARY, 19 99 personally appeared before me the above-named James R. HANSON

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Cari C. Rutkoskie

Notary Public

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Cari C. Rutkoskie

My Commission ~~Notary Public~~

Kalamazoo County, Michigan

My Commission Expires: 7/18/02

Signed in the presence of:

Cari C. Rutkoskie

Signed:

Richard L. McDaniel

Richard L. McDANIEL

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On this 14TH day of JANUARY, 19 99 personally appeared before me the above-named Richard L. McDANIEL

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Signed in the presence of:

Cari C. Rutkoskie

Signed:

Jeffrey C. Shier
Jeffrey C. SHIERY

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On this 14th day of JANUARY, 1999 personally appeared before me the above-named Jeffrey C. SHIERY

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Cari C. Rutkoskie
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Notary Public
Kalamazoo County, Michigan
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Signed in the presence of:

Cari C. Rutkoskie

Signed:

Stanley T. Palmatier
Stanley T. PALMATIER

STATE OF

COUNTY OF

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On this 14th day of JANUARY, 1999 personally appeared before me the above-named Stanley T. PALMATIER

, to me known and known to me to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same to be their free act and deed in and for the purposes set forth in said instrument.

Cari C. Rutkoskie
Notary Public

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