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A S S I G N M E N T

We, Fred P. Lampropoulos and Brian W. Stevens, of 10664 South Trail Ridge Circle, Sandy, Utah 84092, and 1560 West 1800 North, Pleasant Grove, Utah 84062, respectively, have invented a method and apparatus entitled **INLINE HEMOSTASIS VALVE** hereinafter called the "invention."

Preferred embodiments of said invention are disclosed in a United States patent application executed concurrently herewith by us and now identified as File No. 10927.217 of the law firm of Workman, Nydegger & Seeley, 1000 Eagle Gate Tower, 60 East South Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, and filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office as Serial No. _____ on April 16, 1999. (We hereby authorize the attorneys of Workman, Nydegger & Seeley to insert said serial number and filing date when known.)

The Assignee, Merit Medical Systems, Inc., a corporation of the State of Utah, having a principal place of business at 1600 West Merit Parkway, South Jordan, Utah 84095, desires to secure the entire right, title and interest in said invention.

In consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration paid to us by the Assignee, the receipt and sufficiency of which we hereby acknowledge, WE HEREBY ASSIGN TO THE ASSIGNEE:

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The entire right, title and interest in said invention in the above-identified United States patent application and in all divisions, continuations and continuations-in-part of said application, or reissues or extensions of Letters Patent or Patents granted thereon, and in all corresponding applications filed in countries foreign to the United States, and in all patents issuing thereon in the United States and foreign countries.

The right to file foreign patent applications on said invention in its own name, wherever such right may be legally exercised, including the right to claim the benefits of the International Convention for such applications.

We hereby authorize and request the United States Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, and such Patent Office officials in foreign countries as are duly authorized by their patent laws to issue patents, to issue any and all patents on said invention to the Assignee as the owner of the entire interest, for the sole use and behoof of the said Assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives.

We hereby agree, without further consideration and without expense to us, to sign all lawful papers and to perform all other lawful acts which the Assignee may request of us to make this Assignment fully effective, including, by way of example but not of limitation, the following:

Prompt execution of all original, divisional, substitute, reissue, and other United States and foreign patent applications on said invention, and all lawful documents requested by the Assignee to further the prosecution of any of such patent applications.

Cooperation to the best of our ability in the execution of all lawful documents, the production of evidence, nullification, reissue, extension, or infringement proceedings involving said invention.

This assignment and agreement shall be binding upon our heirs and legal representatives.

Dated this 15 day of April, 1999.

Fred P. Lampropoulos

FRED P. LAMPROPOULOS

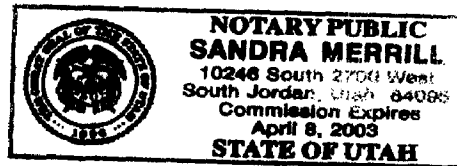
Brian W. Stevens
BRIAN W. STEVENS

STATE OF UTAH)
COUNTY OF Salt Lake) : ss.

On April 15, 1999, before me personally appeared Fred P. Lampropoulos, and Brian W. Stevens, known to me to be the persons described and who signed the foregoing Assignment in my presence and acknowledged under oath before me that they have read the same and know the contents thereof and that they executed the same as their free act and deed and for the purposes set forth therein.

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