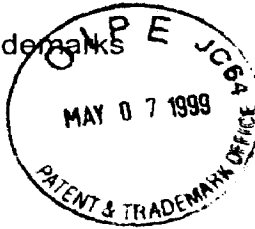


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Dennis W. Burke, M.D.

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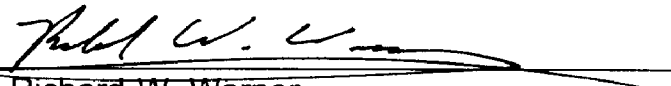
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Respectfully submitted,

By:   
Richard W. Warner  
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Attorney for Applicant(s)

Date: May 4, 1999

## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Dennis W. Burke, M.D., an individual, having an office at 15 Parkman Street #535, Boston Massachusetts 02114, hereinafter referred to as Assignor, hereby acknowledges assignment of the full and exclusive rights in the United States of America and in all foreign countries, including the right to claim priority under the laws of the United States and the Paris Convention to the inventions set forth in the following applications and patents:

1. U.S. Patent No.: 5,545,168  
Issued: 08/13/96  
Title: APPARATUS FOR BOTH TENSIONING AND CRIMPING A SURGICAL WIRE  
Inventor: Dennis W. Burke
2. U.S. Application No.: 08/689,788  
Filed: 08/13/96  
Title: APPARATUS FOR BOTH TENSIONING AND CRIMPING A SURGICAL WIRE  
Inventor: Dennis W. Burke
3. Australian Patent Application No. 19921/95  
Filed: 03/13/95 (via PCT)  
Title: APPARATUS FOR TENSIONING AND CRIMPING A SURGICAL WIRE  
Inventor: Dennis W. Burke
4. Canadian Patent Application No.: 2185344  
Filed: 03/13/95 (via PCT)  
Title: APPARATUS FOR TENSIONING AND CRIMPING SURGICAL WIRE  
Inventor: Dennis W. Burke
5. European Patent Application No.: 95912910.7  
Filed: 03/13/95 (via PCT)  
Title: APPARATUS FOR TENSIONING AND CRIMPING SURGICAL WIRE  
Inventor: Dennis W. Burke
6. U.S. Patent No.: 5,720,747  
Issued: 02/24/98  
Title: APPARATUS FOR CRIMPING A SURGICAL WIRE  
Inventor: Dennis W. Burke

7. U.S. Patent Application Serial No.: 08/212,038  
Filed: 02/24/98  
Title: APPARATUS FOR BOTH TENSIONING AND CRIMPING A  
SURGICAL WIRE  
Inventor: Dennis W. Burke
8. U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/883,895  
Filed: 06/27/97  
Title: APPARATUS FOR TWISTING TOGETHER THE TWO FREE  
ENDS OF A LENGTH OF SURGICAL WIRE AND METHOD OF USE  
Inventor: Dennis W. Burke
9. U.S. Patent Application Serial No.: 08/972,866  
Filed: 11/18/97  
Title: SURGICAL WIRE ASSEMBLY AND METHOD OF USE  
Inventor: Dennis W. Burke

and;

WHEREAS, Biomet Inc., a corporation incorporated under the laws of the state of Indiana, and having a principle place of business at Airport Industrial Park, P.O. Box 587, Warsaw Indiana 46580, hereinafter referred to as Assignee, is desirous of recording and accepting transfer of the aforesaid rights in the aforesaid applications and patents;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, Assignor by these presents and subject to that certain Product Development Agreement dated the 8/19 day of August, 1998 between Assignor and Assignee, has and does sell, assign and transfer onto Assignee, its successors in interest, the full and exclusive rights in the United States of America and all foreign countries, including the right to claim priority under the laws of the United States and the Paris Convention, to the said inventions as described in the aforesaid applications and patents, said applications for patent and all patents therefor to be held and enjoyed by Assignee to the full end of the term for which said patents are granted and any extensions thereof, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by Assignor had the assignment and sale not been made; and Assignor hereby covenants and agrees to execute all instruments or documents required or requested for the making and prosecution of applications for patent in the United States and in all foreign countries, for litigation regarding, or for the purpose of protecting title to the said inventions, the applications for patent or patents therefor for the benefit of Assignee without further or other compensation than that set forth above and in the

Product Development Agreement dated the 8/19 day of August, 1998 between Assignor and Assignee; and Assignor hereby requests the issuance and grant of said applications to Assignee.

By: Dennis W. Burke  
Dennis Burke, M.D.

State of Massachusetts )  
County of Suffolk ) ss.

On this 11th day of January, 1999, before me personally appeared the foregoing individual, who executed the foregoing instrument and who acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purpose therein set forth.

Elsie M. Willant  
Notary Public,

(seal)

Suffolk County, State of Massachusetts

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

**ELSIE M. WILLANT**  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires April 12, 2002

By: Daniel P. Hann

(print) Daniel P. Hann

Its: Vice President and General Counsel  
Biomet Inc.

State of INDIANA )  
County of KOSCIUSKO ) ss.

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of January, 1999, before me personally appeared the foregoing individual, who executed the foregoing instrument and who acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purpose therein set forth.

Teresa A. Waites  
Notary Public, Teresa A. Waites

(seal)

Kosciusko County, State of Indiana

My Commission Expires: June 12, 2001