

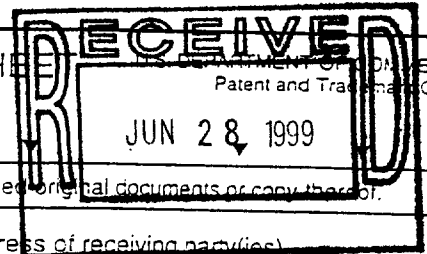
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In consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration paid to each of the undersigned,

Name(s) of Inventor(s) Jeffrey A. Moster          David W. Hornbach,  
Robert M. Zerhusen          Scott M. Corbin,  
Michael W. Hamilton and,  
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maker(s) of an invention which is the subject of an application for Letters Patent of the United States ("Application") entitled

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Name of Assignee Hill-Rom, Inc.

Address of principal place of business 1069 State Route 46 East

Batesville, Indiana 47006-8835

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