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PATENT ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT

For good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned ("Assignor") hereby assigns to Acumed, Inc., an Oregon corporation with its principal place of business located at 10950 S.W. 5th Street, Suite 170, Beaverton, Oregon 97005, U.S.A. ("Assignee"), all right, title and interest in and to all United States and foreign patents and patent applications, as described in Exhibit A hereto, together with all inventions described therein or related thereto, and each and every patent that may be issued upon the aforesaid inventions and extensions thereof, of the United States and countries foreign thereto (including the right to claim any priority rights for such foreign applications to which such applications are entitled under international conventions, treaties or otherwise), and previously or currently existing and future causes of action, income royalties, damages and payments for past and future infringements thereof (all of the foregoing are sometimes hereinafter individually and/or collectively referred to as the "Patents").

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Assignor will communicate to Assignee any facts known to Assignor respecting any improvements to the Patents and generally take all actions reasonably necessary to vest title in Assignee and to aid Assignee in obtaining and enforcing its rights in the Patents in all countries.

This Assignment shall be binding on the parties' successors, assigns, and legal representatives.

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I. U.S. Issued Patents

A. U.S. Patent No. 5,545,162

"External Fixator for Repairing Fractures of Distal Radius and Wrist"

Registered: August 13, 1996

B. 5,556,399

"Bone-Harvesting Drill Apparatus and Method for Its Use"

Registered: September 17, 1996

C. 5,601,565

"Osteotomy Method and Apparatus"

Registered: February 11, 1997

D. 5,624,440

"Compact Small Bone Fixator"

Registered: April 29, 1997

E. 5,658.283

"External Fixator for Repairing Fractures"

Registered: August 19, 1997

F. 5,662,649

"External Fixator for Repairing Fractures of Distal Radius and Wrist"

Registered: September 2, 1997

G. 5,665,087

"Method and Screw for Repair of Olecanon Fractures"

Registered: September 9, 1997

H. 5,697,934

"Tension Band Wiring Pin and Method"

Registered: December 16, 1997

I. 5,702,472

"Phlangeal Finger Joint Prosthesis and Method"

Registered: December 30, 1997

J. 5,810,825

"Surgical Wire Claim"

Registered: September 22, 1998

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K. Des. 404,128

"Suture Washer" (Design Patent) Registered: January 12, 1999

L. 5,868,789

"Removable Suture Anchor Apparatus"

Registered: February 9, 1999

II. U.S. Patent Applications

A. 08/986,717

"Method for Repairing Fractured Bone"

Filed: December 8, 1997

B. 09/019,135

"External Fixator for Repairing Fractures"

Filed: February 5, 1998

C. 09/034,046

"Tapered Bone Screw with Continuously Varying Pitch"

Filed: March 3, 1998

D. 09/040,504

"Modular Shoulder Prosthesis"

Filed: March 17, 1998

E. 09/093,415

"Bone Plate with Varying Rigidity"

Filed: June 8, 1998

F. 09/157,783

"Surgical Wire Clamp"

Filed: September 21, 1998

G. 09/165,475

"Shoulder Prosthesis"

Filed: October 2, 1998

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H. 09/191,928

"Shoulder Prosthesis"

Filed: November 13, 1998

I. 09/216,316

"Axial Tension Screw"

Filed: December 18, 1998

III. Foreign Patent Applications

A. Australian Patent App. No. 9461642

"Tapered Bone Screw with Continuously Varying Pitch"

Filed: July 15, 1994

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