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Name: Hill-Rom, Inc.

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Street Address: 1069 State Route 46 East

City: Batesville State: Indiana ZIP: 47006

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ASSIGNMENT

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) Robert Cooks, Jr.

 _____ and

maker(s) of an invention which is the subject of an application for Letters Patent of the United States ("Application") entitled

Title of Application RETAINING RING INSTALLATION APPARATUS

which has been executed by the undersigned on

Date of signing of Application by each inventor 1-18-66, _____, _____, and _____

the undersigned hereby sell(s), assign(s), and set(s) over to

Name of Assignee Hill-Rom, Inc.

Address of principal place of business 1069 State Route 46 E
Batesville, Indiana 47006

Insert State of Incorporation (if applicable) or "Not Applicable" a corporation of Indiana

(hereinafter designated as the Assignee) their entire right, title, and interest in, to, and under the Application, including all priority rights for other countries arising therefrom, all inventions therein disclosed, and any and all Letters Patent of the United States and of all other countries, including Canada, which may be granted for such inventions, or any of them, all such inventions and all rights in such Application and Letters Patent to be held and enjoyed by Assignee for its own use and enjoyment to the full end of the term or terms for which such Letters Patent may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by them had this assignment and sale not been made.

The undersigned agree(s) to execute all papers necessary in connection with the application(s) in the United States and foreign countries and any continuing, divisional, or reissue applications thereof, and any reexamination of any of such applications, and also to execute separate assignments in connection with such applications as the Assignee may deem necessary or expedient.

The undersigned agree(s) to execute all papers necessary in connection with any interference which may be declared or litigation concerning the application(s) or continuation, division, reissue, or reexamination thereof, and to cooperate with the Assignee in every way possible in obtaining evidence and going forward with such interference or litigation.

The undersigned agree(s) to execute all papers and documents and perform any act which may be necessary in connection with claims or provisions of the International Convention for Protection of Industrial Property or similar agreements.

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The undersigned hereby authorize(s) and request(s) the Commissioner of Patents to issue any and all Letters Patent of the United States resulting from said application(s) or any division or divisions or continuing or reissue applications thereof, and any reexamination of any of such applications, to the said Assignee, as Assignee of the entire interest, and hereby covenants that the undersigned has full right to convey the interest herein assigned, and that the undersigned has not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict herewith.

The undersigned hereby grant(s) the attorney of record the power to insert on this assignment any further identification which may be necessary or desirable in order to comply with the rules of the United States Patent and Trademark Office for recordation of this document.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this assignment at Patuxent, Md
this 16 day of January, 1999

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Witness _____
Witness _____

Robert Cooks, Jr.
Inventor (Signature)
Robert Cooks, Jr.
Inventor (Printed Name)

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF Md }
COUNTY OF Prince Georges } SS:

Acknowledged before me, a Notary Public, within and for said County and State. Witness my hand and Notarial Seal this 18 day of January, 1999.

Charles W. Hitchcock
Notary Public
Charles W. Hitchcock
Printed Name

My Commission Expires: 2/27/01

Resident of Deer Park County

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