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Please record the attached original documents or copy thereof. 2. Name and address of receiving party(ies): 1. Name of conveying party(ies): David Stefanchik Name: Ethicon Endo-Surgery, Inc. Street Address: 4545 Creek Road Mark A. Goldin City: Cincinnati State: OH zip: 45242 Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? ✓ No Yes 3. Nature of conveyance: Assignment Merger Security Agreement __ Change of Name Execution Date: October 2, 2000 4. Application number(s) or patent number(s): 09/650,891 If this document is being filed together with a new application, the execution date of the application is: October 2, 2000 B. Patent No.(s) A. Patent Application No.(s) Additional numbers attached? 5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence 6. Total number of applications involved: 1 concerning document should be mailed: Audley A. Ciamporcero, Jr., Esq. Chief Patent Counsel Johnson & Johnson One Johnson & Johnson Plaza New Brunswick, NJ 08933-7003 7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41) \$40.00 Enclosed Authorized to be charged to Deposit Account 8. Deposit Account Number: 10-0750/END-623/DLG 9. Statement and signature To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document. Dean L. Garner March 29,2001

Signature

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ASSIGNMENT

Serial No. 09/650,891 Filed August 30, 2000

WHEREAS, David Stefanchik, citizen of the United States of America, residing at 9831 Whippoorwill Lane, Mason, Ohio 45040; and Mark A. Goldin, citizen of the United States of America, residing at 260 Cedar Hill Lane, Springboro, OH 45066; (hereinafter called "Assignors"), have made certain new and useful inventions or discoveries relating to

A HELICAL NEEDLE AND SUTURE COMBINATION HAVING A STRAIN RELIEF ELEMENT

for which they have this day executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Ethicon Endo-Surgery, Inc., a corporation formed under the laws of the State of Ohio, (hereinafter called "Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring Assignors' entire right, title, and interest therein:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN that for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar and other valuable considerations to them moving, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignors have sold, assigned, and transferred, and do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said Assignee their entire right, title and interest in and to all said inventions and discoveries disclosed in said application whose identification above by serial number and filing date, when available is hereby authorized, and in and to said application, all substitutions, divisions, and continuations thereof, and in and to all Letters Patent, United States and foreign, that may be granted for said inventions and discoveries, and in and to all extensions, renewals, and reissues thereof, the same to be held and enjoyed by said Assignee, its successors and assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by Assignors if this Assignment and sale had not been made;

And Assignors hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States to issue said Letters Patent in accordance with this Assignment;

And for the consideration aforesaid, Assignors covenant and agree with said Assignee that he has a full and unencumbered title to the inventions and discoveries above described and hereby assigned, which title they warrant unto said Assignee, its successors and assigns;

And for the consideration aforesaid, Assignors further covenant and agree that they will, whenever requested, but without cost to them promptly communicate to said Assignee or its representatives any facts known to them relating to said inventions and discoveries, testify in any interference or legal proceedings involving said inventions and discoveries, and execute any additional papers that may be necessary to enable said Assignee or its representatives, successors, nominees, or assigns to secure full and complete protection for the said inventions and discoveries or that may be necessary to vest in said Assignee the complete title to the said inventions and discoveries and patents hereby conveyed and to enable it to record said title.

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		David Stefanchik	(L.S.)
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before me, a Notar person named in and made known to his	y Public, p d who exec m the con	ED, That on this <u>Dref</u> day of <u>October</u> , 2000, personally appeared David Stefanchik, who I am satisfied is the cuted the foregoing instrument in my presence, and I having first tents thereof, he did acknowledge that he signed, sealed, and nary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein expressed.
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