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**IDENTIFICATION OF APPLICATION(S) AND/OR PATENT(S)
FOR ASSIGNMENT (DOCUMENT) RECORDAL
(37 C.F.R. Section 3.21 and 37 C.F.R. Section 3.31(a)(4))**

1. This assignment is for the following patent application and/or issued patent:

a. Patent No: 5,269,797 Issued: December 14, 1993

which was previously assigned and recorded on October 9, 1992

Reel 6271, Frame 0992

b. Patent No: 5,290,279 Issued: March 1, 1994

which was previously assigned and recorded on October 9, 1992

Reel 6271, Frame 0988

c. Patent No: 5,241,972 Issued: September 7, 1993

which was previously assigned and recorded on October 9, 1992

Reel 6280, Frame 0100

d. Patent No: 5,203,781 Issued: April 20, 1993

which was previously assigned and recorded on October 9, 1992

Reel 6280, Frame 0104

**TOTAL NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS AND/OR PATENTS
AND TOTAL FEE**

2. A. The total number of applications and/or patents identified in this cover sheet is: 4.

B. The total fee is (37 C.F.R. Section 1.21(h)):

$$4 \times \$40.00 = \$160.00$$

C. Please charge Account 13-1992 the sum of \$160.00. A duplicate of this cover sheet is attached.

Please charge Account 13-1992 for any fee deficiency or credit to account any overpayment.

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**NAME OF PARTY CONVEYING INTEREST
(37 C.F.R. Section 3.31(a)(1))**

3. The party conveying interest is:

Meditron Devices, Inc.
83 Hobart Street
Hackensack, NJ 07601
A Delaware Corporation

**NAME AND ADDRESS OF PARTY(IES) RECEIVING INTEREST
(37 C.F.R. Section 3.31 (a)(2))**

4. The rights are being conveyed to:

Alfred O. Bonati
5420 Westshore Drive
New Port Richey, FL 34652

**DESCRIPTION OF INTEREST CONVEYED OR
TRANSACTION RECORDED (37 C.F.R. Section 3.31(a)(3))**

5. The accompanying document intends to accomplish an assignment.

**NAME AND ADDRESS OF PARTY TO WHOM
CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD BE MAILED (37 C.F.R. Section 3.31 (a)(5))**

6. Please address correspondence to:

Name: Dennis G. LaPointe
Address: Mason & Associates, P.A.
17757 US Hwy 19 N., Suite 500
Clearwater, FL 33764
Telephone No.: 727-538-3800

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**DATE ASSIGNMENT (DOCUMENT) EXECUTED
(37 C.F.R. Section 3.31(a)(7))**

7.

Effective date February 20, 1996, for the attached assignment (document) for U.S. Patent No. **5,269,797** was ratified by Thomas W. Fry on April 18, 2001.

Effective date February 20, 1996, for the attached assignment (document) for U.S. Patent No. **5,290,279** was ratified by Thomas W. Fry on April 20, 2001.

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LANGUAGE OF ASSIGNMENT (DOCUMENT) TO BE RECORDED

8. The attached document is in the English language.


ORIGINAL DOCUMENT OR TRUE COPY SUBMITTED

9. Submitted herewith is the original document.

**STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. Section 3.31(a)(9)) AND
SIGNATURE (37 C.F.R. Section 3.31(a)(10))**

10. 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.

Reg. No. 40, 693


Dennis G. LaPointe
Mason & Associates, P.A.
17757 US Hwy 19 N., Suite 500
Clearwater, FL 33764

TOTAL NUMBER OF PAGES BEING SUBMITTED

11. The total number of pages being submitted, **including documents** are: **12**.

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**PATENT
REEL: 011763 FRAME: 0972**

For: U.S. Rights and Foreign Rights
For: U.S. Patent
By: Present Owner

ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTION

In consideration of the payment by ASSIGNEE to ASSIGNOR of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and for other good and valuable consideration,

ASSIGNOR:

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State or Country of Formation: Delaware

Recorded on October 9, 1992

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hereby sells, assigns and transfers to

ASSIGNEE:

Alfred O. Bonati
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New Port Richey, FL 34652
Nationality or State/Country of Formation: US

and the successors, assigns and legal representatives of the ASSIGNEE the entire right, title and interest for the United States and its territorial possessions and in all foreign countries, including all rights to claim priority, in and to any and all improvements which are disclosed in the invention entitled:

CERVICAL DISCECTOMY INSTRUMENTS

Name of Inventor: Alfred O. Bonati

and which is found in (37 C.F.R. Section 3.21) U.S. patent no. 5,269,797 issued December 14, 1993, and any legal equivalent thereof in a foreign country, including the right to claim priority and, in and to, all Letters Patent to be obtained for said invention by the above application or any continuation, division, renewal, or substitute thereof, and as to letters patent any reissue or re-examination thereof.

ASSIGNOR hereby covenants that no assignment, sale, agreement or encumbrance has been or will be made or entered into which would conflict with this assignment.

ASSIGNOR further covenants that ASSIGNEE will, upon its request, be provided promptly with all pertinent facts and documents relating to said invention and said Letters Patent and legal equivalents as

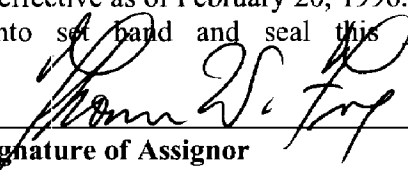
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may be known and accessible to ASSIGNOR and will testify as to the same in any interference, litigation or proceeding related thereto and will promptly execute and deliver to ASSIGNEE or its legal representatives any and all papers, instruments or affidavits required to apply for, obtain, maintain, issue and enforce said application, said invention and said Letters Patent and said equivalents thereof which may be necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes thereof;

ASSIGNOR further affirms that this assignment to Alfred O. Bonati is a reconfirmation and a ratification of the previous assignment of identical rights by BEI Medical Systems, Inc., (BMED) to Alfred O. Bonati and executed on February 20, 1996, BMED being an affiliated parent company to Assignor. At the time of the previous assignment, Assignor herein confirms that BMED had the consent of this Assignor to execute the previous assignment. Accordingly, this reconfirmation and ratification herein confirms that the assignment to Alfred O. Bonati is effective as of February 20, 1996.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set hand and seal this 18 day of April, 2001.

Date: _____



Signature of Assignor

Meditron Devices, Inc.

Signatory Name: Thomas W. Fry

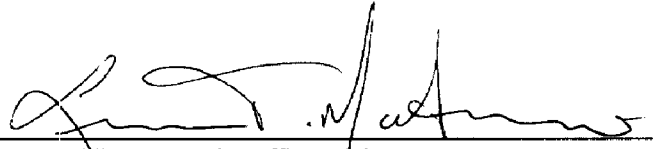
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NOTARIZATION OR LEGALIZATION ACCOMPANYING ASSIGNMENT

Details of Country US
and place of signing of assignment _____

Before me this 20 day of April 2001, personally appeared the above named individual, to me known to be the person who is described in, and who executed the foregoing assignment instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purpose therein expressed.

LORRAINE T. MONTEMURRO
NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY
My Commission Expires Aug.04, 2003



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ANTHROSCOPIC TOOL COMBIING FIVE FUNCTIONS IN ONE

Name of Inventor: Alfred O. Bonati

and which is found in (37 C.F.R. Section 3.21) U.S. patent no. 5,290,279 issued March 1, 1994, and any legal equivalent thereof in a foreign country, including the right to claim priority and, in and to, all Letters Patent to be obtained for said invention by the above application or any continuation, division, renewal, or substitute thereof, and as to letters patent any reissue or re-examination thereof.

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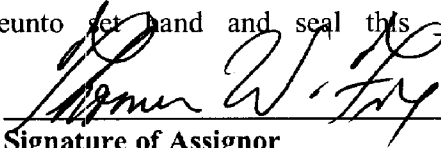
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Date: 4/20/2001


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Signatory Name: THOMAS W. FRY

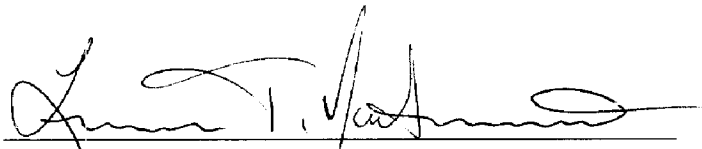
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METHOD FOR DEBULKING TISSUE TO REMOVE PRESSURE ON A NERVE

Name of Inventor: Alfred O. Bonati

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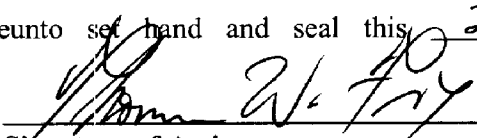
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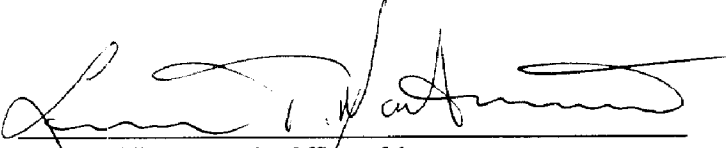
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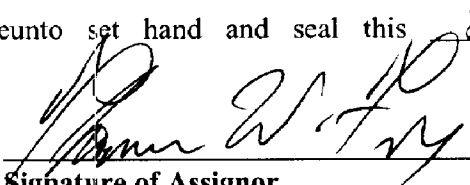
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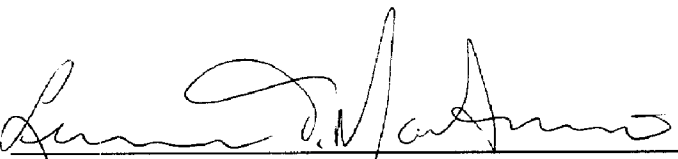
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