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A. Patent Application No.

B. Patent No.(s) 5,476,578

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## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Providence Hospital and Medical Centers, a Michigan nonprofit corporation (hereinafter referred to as "Assignor"), having its principle place of business at 16001 W. Nine Mile Road, Southfield, Michigan, is the owner of forty percent (40%) of the entire right, title and interest in and to an application for United States Letters Patent 5,476,478 of the Preoperative Skin Stretching Apparatus and Method of Invention (hereinafter referred to as "Invention") as recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on April 18, 1994 at Reel 6956, Frames 649-650.

WHEREAS, Rick Joel Smith, M.D., P.C., (hereinafter referred to as "Assignee") of 2900 Hannah Boulevard, Suite 110, East Lansing, Michigan 48823, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the Invention within the United States of America and its territorial possessions and any United States Letters Patent that may be granted therefore and in and to said application.

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars paid by the Assignee to the Assignor and other good and valuable considerations, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, Assignor hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto Assignee its share of the right, title and interest in and to the invention within the United States and its territorial possessions and in and to any United States Letters Patent which may be granted therefore in the United States and in any and all of its territories and in and to any and all divisions, reissues, continuations, continuation-in-part, and extensions thereof; Such Letters Patent may be granted as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by Assignor if this assignment, transfer and sale had not been made.

Assignor hereby authorizes and requests the Patent Office Officials in the United States and in any and all of its territories to issue any and all of said Letters Patent, when granted, to said Assignee as the owner of the Assignor's interest, right, and title in and to the same.

FURTHER, Assignor agrees to communicate to Assignee or its representative any facts known to Assignor respecting said invention and execute all necessary assignment papers to cause any and all of said Letters Patent to be issued to said Assignee.

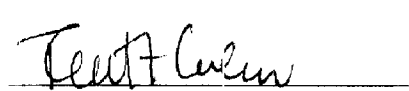
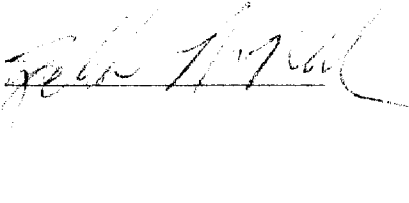
FINALLY, Assignor does also sell, assign and transfer unto Assignee, his successors and assigns all rights, title and interest to sue and recover damages for any past infringement of the patent rights assigned herein for said consideration.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand on the date appearing next to my signature.

Witness:

PROVIDENCE HOSPITAL

Date:



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By: Robert F. Casalou

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