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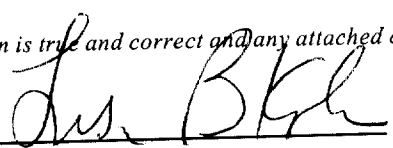
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## A S S I G N M E N T

WHEREAS, I, Dr. Alexander Shaknovich, having an address at 1001 North Street, White Plains, NY 10605, (hereafter, "Dr. Shaknovich"), hold the entire right, title and interest in and to an invention entitled "METHOD AND DEVICES FOR DECREASING ELEVATED PULMONARY VENOUS PRESSURE" as set forth and described in application for Letters Patent of the United States, Serial No. 09/813,182, filed March 20, 2001, in the United States provisional application, Serial No. 60/228,574 filed August 29, 2000, and in International Patent Application No. PCT/US01/41766, filed August 17, 2001; and

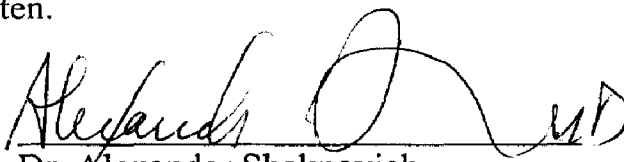
WHEREAS, Alternative Valve Therapy, Inc., a Delaware corporation having an address at 1001 North Street, White Plains, NY 10605(hereafter, "AVT"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and any improvements thereon, and in and to the said provisional application, United States non-provisional patent application, International Patent Application, and any Letters Patent which may be obtained therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, BE IT KNOWN, that I, the said Dr. Shaknovich, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), lawful money of the United States, to me in hand paid by said AVT, and other valuable considerations unto me moving from said AVT, at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, have sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed and by these presents do sell, assign, transfer and convey, unto said AVT, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the said invention entitled "METHOD AND DEVICES FOR DECREASING ELEVATED PULMONARY VENOUS PRESSURE"as set forth and described in application for Letters Patent of the United States, Serial No. 09/813,182, filed March 20, 2001, in the United States provisional application, Serial No. 60/228,574 filed August 29, 2000, and in International Patent Application No. PCT/US01/41766, filed August 17, 2001, and any and all improvements thereon, and in and to said application and any division, continuation or continuation-in-part thereof, and in and to any Letters Patent of the United States which may be issued on any of said applications, and any reissues thereof, and in and to any and all applications for Letters Patent filed in foreign countries for said invention or improvements including all priority rights, and any and all Letters Patent which may be granted in foreign countries therefor, TO HAVE AND TO HOLD THE SAME to the full end of the term or terms for which any and all said Letters Patent may be granted;

AND I, the said Dr. Shaknovich, do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue the said Letters Patent of the United States to said AVT, as the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for the sole use and benefit of said AVT, its successors and assigns;

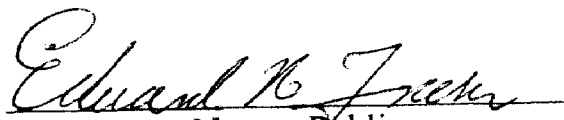
AND I, the said Dr. Shaknovich, for the considerations aforesaid, do hereby covenant and agree to and with said AVT, its successors and assigns, that I have the full power to make this assignment, and that the rights assigned are not encumbered by any grant, license or right heretofore given, and that I, my executors or administrators, shall and will do all lawful acts and things and make, execute and deliver without further compensation, any and all other instruments in writing, further applications, papers, affidavits, powers of attorney, assignments, and other documents which, in the opinion of counsel for said AVT, its successors and assigns, may be required or necessary more effectively to secure to and vest in said AVT, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and improvements, applications, Letters Patent, rights, titles, benefits, privileges, and advantages hereby sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed, and that we will sign any applications for reissue which may be desired by the owner of the patent or patents which may be issued for the said invention or improvements.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Dr. Alexander Shaknovich, have hereunto set my hand and seal on the date below written.

  
Dr. Alexander Shaknovich

STATE OF *NEW YORK* )  
                                  : ss.:  
COUNTY OF *NEW YORK* )

BE IT KNOWN, that on this 10 day of JUNE, 2002, before me personally came Dr. Alexander Shaknovich, to me known and known to me to be the person mentioned in and who executed the foregoing assignment, and he acknowledged to me that he executed the same as his free act and deed for the use and purposes therein mentioned.

  
Notary Public

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