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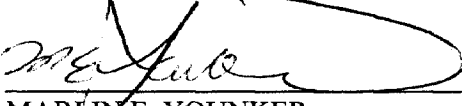

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**ASSIGNMENT**

IN CONSIDERATION of One Dollar and other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, Dean J. Secrest, Marlin E. Younker and William Greuloch all citizens of the United States of America, and residing at 10433 Johnnycake Ridge, Concord, Ohio 44077 and 6801 S. Flagler Drive, West Palm Beach, Florida 33405 and 31068 Pinehurst Drive, Westlake, Ohio 44145, do hereby sell, transfer, set over and assign unto United States Endoscopy Group, Inc., an Ohio corporation having its principal place of business at 5976 Heisley Road, Mentor, Ohio 44060 respectively, its successors, assigns, nominees, or other legal representatives, the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention entitled DUODENOSCOPE NEEDLE, invented by us and the application for United States patent therefor, serial no. 10/146,525 executed May 15, 2002, and all original and reissued patents granted therefor, and all divisions and continuations thereof, including the subjects-matter of any and all claims which may be obtained in every such patent, and the right to apply for and obtain patents in countries foreign to the United States, and in and to any Letters Patent which may be granted thereon in such foreign countries, and authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States, and any official of any country or countries foreign to the United States whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue the said Letters Patent to the said United States Endoscopy Group, Inc., its successors, assigns, nominees or other legal representatives, as assignee and owner of the said entire interest, and covenant that we have full right to convey said entire interest herein assigned and that we have not executed and will not execute any agreement in conflict herewith, and agree that

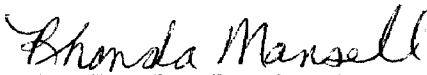
We will communicate to said United States Endoscopy Group, Inc., its successors, assigns, nominees or other legal representatives, all facts known to us respecting said invention, whenever requested, and testify in any legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, execute and deliver all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and do all lawful acts requisite for the application for such divisional, continuing or reissue applications, or the procuring thereof, and that if and when said United States Endoscopy Group, Inc., its successors, assigns, nominees or other legal representatives desire to file a disclaimer relating thereto, we will upon request, sign and deliver all lawful papers requisite for the filing of such disclaimer, and

We further covenant and agree that we will, at any time upon request, do everything legally possible to aid said United States Endoscopy Group, Inc., its successors, assigns, nominees or other legal representatives, either in its or our own name, to apply for, obtain and enforce proper patent protection in all countries, including priority rights granted to patents in foreign countries according to all the laws and treaties in force, all without further consideration but at the expense of said United States Endoscopy Group, Inc., its successors, assigns, nominees or other legal representatives.

  
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DEAN J. SECREST  
  
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MARLIN E. YOUNKER  
  
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WILLIAM GREULOCK

State of Ohio )  
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County of Lake )

This 3 day of August, 2002, before me personally came the above-named Dean J. Secrest, Marlin E. Younker and William Greuloch to me personally known as the individuals who executed the foregoing assignment, and who acknowledged to me that they executed the same of their own free will for the purpose therein set forth.

  
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