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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, WE, James H. DeVries, Steven R. Gundry, Brian S. Beals, are the inventors of **SUCTION RETRACTOR FOR ATTACHING TO AN ORGAN WITHIN THE BODY** for which we have executed an application for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office preparatory to obtaining Letters Patent of the United States on April 19, 2001; therefor; and

WHEREAS, MEDTRONIC, INC. a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Minnesota and having a principal place of business at 710 Medtronic Parkway, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55432, hereinafter referred to as "Corporation," is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention for the United States and for all foreign countries and in and to any and all foreign and domestic Letters Patent which may be granted therefor;

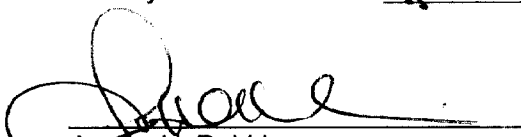
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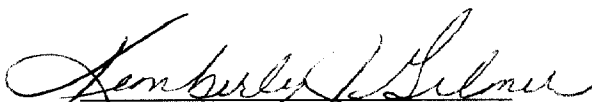
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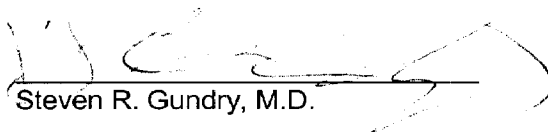
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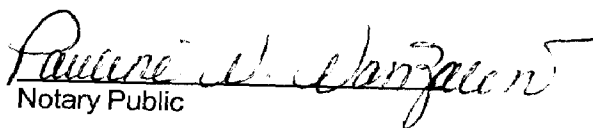
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PAULINE V. VANZALEN
Notary Public, Kent County, MI
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