



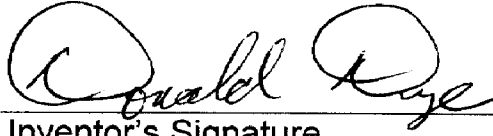
## ASSIGNMENT

In consideration of my technology purchase agreement(s) or employee agreement(s) with CENTERPULSE ORTHOPEDICS INC., and other valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, I, **Donald Dye**, resident of Pflugerville, Texas, hereby severally assign, transfer, and deliver to CENTERPULSE ORTHOPEDICS INC., a Delaware corporation, having offices at 9900 Spectrum Drive, Austin, Texas 78717, U.S.A., its successors and assigns (collectively referred to as "CENTERPULSE ORTHOPEDICS INC."), the entire right, title and interest throughout the world to and in my invention Method of Using T-Handled Ruler in Minimally Invasive Surgery, (Attorney Docket # IOI-426), the application for United States patent on the date of 02/21/03 as well as all continuations and divisions of that application, and all patents granted on that and any other application(s) on the invention(s) in the United States and elsewhere, together with the exclusive right to make application for patents and similar protection, reissues, renewals and extensions on the invention(s) in the U.S. and foreign countries, and I hereby request the U.S. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks and the corresponding official(s) having the authority to issue patents in any foreign country(ies) to issue patents on the invention(s) to CENTERPULSE ORTHOPEDICS INC. I confirm that I have not made any agreement in conflict with this Assignment. I promise and agree that I will promptly sign and deliver such other documents, provide such evidence and other information within my knowledge or belief, and do all other relevant things that CENTERPULSE ORTHOPEDICS INC. may reasonably deem necessary or desirable and request of me in connection with obtaining or maintaining any of the patents, or in connection with any proceeding, controversy or litigation pertaining to any of the applications or patents, or in order to perfect, protect or enforce CENTERPULSE ORTHOPEDICS INC. ownership of the right, title and interest conveyed by this Assignment, or in connection with any other matter relating to or arising out of this Assignment, and that I will do all of these things without need for further payment of money or other consideration to myself on

the understanding that **CENTERPULSE ORTHOPEDICS INC.** will bear all reasonable expenses actually incurred for or in connection with such matters. This Assignment and the obligations I have assumed by signing this document shall be binding on my respective legal representatives.

07/21/03

Date



Inventor's Signature  
(Donald Dye)