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ASSIGNMENT

In consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) or equivalent and other good and valuable consideration paid to each of the undersigned inventor: **Jerry Brightbill**, the undersigned inventor hereby sell and assign to **Medtronic AVE, Inc.**, a Delaware corporation having a place of business at 3576 Unocal Place, Santa Rosa, California 95403, hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE," his entire right, title and interest, including the right to sue for past infringement and to collect for all past, present and future damages:

check applicable box(es) for the United States of America (as defined in 35 U.S.C. § 100),
 and throughout the world,

(a) in the invention known as **Reinforced Catheter and Methods of Making** for which an application for patent in the United States of America has been filed by the undersigned on September 12, 2002, United States Application No. 10/243,381, filed herewith, in any and all applications thereon, in any and all Letters Patent(s) therefore, and

(b) in any and all applications that claim the benefit of the patent application listed above in part (a), including continuing applications, reissues, extensions, renewals and reexaminations of the patent application or Letters Patent therefor listed above in part (a), to the full extent of the term or terms for which Letters Patents issue, and

(c) in any and all inventions described in the patent application listed above in part (a), and in any and all forms of intellectual and industrial property protection derivable from such patent application, and that are derivable from any and all continuing applications, reissues, extensions, renewals and reexaminations of such patent application, including, without limitation, patents, applications, utility models, inventor's certificates, and designs together with the right to file applications therefor; and including the right to claim the same priority rights from any previously filed applications under the International Agreement for the Protection of Industrial Property, or any other international agreement, or the domestic laws of the country in which any such application is filed, as may be applicable;

all such rights, title and interest to be held and enjoyed by the above-named Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns to the same extent as all such rights, title and interest would have been held and enjoyed by the Assignor had this assignment and sale not been made.

The undersigned inventor agree to execute all papers necessary in connection with the application and any continuing (continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part), reissue, reexamination or corresponding application(s) thereof and also to execute separate assignments in connection with such application(s) as the Assignee may deem necessary or expedient.

The undersigned inventor agree to execute all papers necessary in connection with any interference or patent enforcement action (judicial or otherwise) related to the application or any continuing (continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part), reissue or reexamination application(s) thereof and to cooperate with the Assignee in every way possible in obtaining evidence and going forward with such interference or patent enforcement action.

The undersigned inventor hereby represent that he has full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and he has not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict therewith.

The undersigned inventor hereby grant Michael J. Jaro, Esquire, Registration No. 34,472; Catherine C. Maresk, Esquire, Registration No. 35,268; Janis J. Biksa, Esquire, Registration No. 33,648; and James F. Crittenden, Registration No. 39,560; all of MEDTRONIC AVE, INC., 3576 Unocal Place, Santa Rosa, CA 95403 power to insert in this assignment any further identification that may be necessary or desirable in order to comply with the rules of the United States Patent and Trademark Office for recordation of this document.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, executed by the undersigned inventor on the date opposite their name.

Date: 8/13/03 Signature of Inventor: [Signature]
Jerry Brightbill

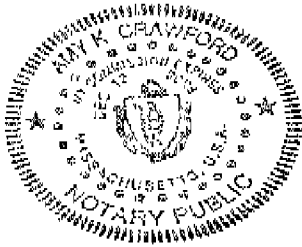
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On this 13 day of August, 2003, before me personally appeared Jerry Brightbill to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my official signature with the seal of my office, the day and year above written.



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