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ASSIGNMENT BY INVENTOR

THIS ASSIGNMENT, made this 13th day of July, 2004, by Michael T. Patton (hereinafter referred to as Assignor), residing at 1000 Westbank Drive, Suite 5A200, Austin, Texas 78746;

WHEREAS, Assignor has invented certain new and useful improvements in OBTURATOR WITH LOCKING SHIELD, set forth in a Provisional application with the United States, already filed on March 2, 2004 as U.S. application No. 60/549199; and

WHEREAS, Patton Surgical Corporation, a corporation organized under and pursuant to the laws of Delaware having its principal place of business at 1000 Westbank Drive, Suite 5A200, Austin, Texas 78746 (hereinafter referred to as Assignee), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said inventions and said Application for Letters Patent of the United States, and in and to any Letters Patent of the United States to be obtained therefore and thereon.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and sufficient consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignor has sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents does sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the above-mentioned inventions and application for Letters Patent, and in and to any and all direct and indirect divisions, continuations and continuations-in-part of said application, and any and all Letters Patent in the United States and all foreign countries which may be granted therefore and thereon, and reissues, reexaminations and extensions of said Letters Patent, and all rights under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, the same to be held and enjoyed by Assignee, for its own use and benefit and the use and benefit of its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to the full end of the term or terms for which Letters Patent may be granted and/or extended, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by Assignor, had this sale and assignment not been made.

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AND for the same consideration, Assignor hereby covenants and agrees to and with Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, that Assignor will sign all papers and documents, take all lawful oaths and do all acts necessary or required to be done for the procurement, maintenance, enforcement and defense of any Letters Patent and applications for Letters Patent for said inventions, without charge to Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, whenever counsel of Assignee, or counsel of its successors, legal representatives and assigns, shall advise: that any proceeding in connection with said inventions, or said Provisional application for Letters Patent, or any proceeding in connection with any Letters Patent or applications for Letters Patent for said inventions in any country, including but not limited to interference proceedings, is lawful and desirable; or, that any division, continuation or continuation-in-part of any application for Letters Patent, or any reissue, reexamination or extension of any Letters Patent, to be obtained thereon, is lawful and desirable.

AND Assignor hereby requests the Commissioner of Patent and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent of the United States to Assignee, as Assignee of said inventions and the Letters Patent to be issued thereon, for the sole use and benefit of Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns.

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AND Assignor acknowledges an obligation of assignment of this invention to Assignee at the time the invention was made.

	Michael T. Patton
Date: July 13, 2004	
United States of America)	
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County of Travis	
On this 13th day of July	, 2004 , before me
personally came Michael T. Patton	, to me known to be the individual
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