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| Street Address:  | 47690 East Anchor Court                  |
| City:  | Plymouth                                 |
| State/Country:   | MICHIGAN                                 |
| Postal Code:   | 48170-2455                               |
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Helix Medical, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, having a principal place of business at 47690 East Anchor Court, Plymouth, Michigan, 48170 U.S.A., hereinafter referred to as "Helix," is desirous of acquiring the interest of Helix Medical, Inc., a California corporation having a principal place of business at 1110 Mark Avenue, Carpinteria, California, 93013 U.S.A., hereinafter referred to as "Seller", in the inventions ("Inventions") disclosed and/or claimed in the patents ("Patents") and/or patent applications ("Applications") listed in Exhibit A (together "Assets"):

Accordingly, for one dollar (\$1.00), as well as other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy whereof is hereby acknowledged, Seller hereby sells, assigns and transfers to Helix, and its successors in interest, all of its worldwide right, title and interest in and to the Assets, including any right it holds to claim priority under the laws of the United States, the Paris Convention, and any other convention or treaty in any country. The Assets shall be held by Helix to the full end of the term for which any such patent or other rights (including, without limitation, substitution or extensions thereof) are granted to the extent that the same would have been held by Seller had this assignment and sale not been made. This sale and assignment shall include Seller's right to recover any and all remedies for past infringements of any of the Assets. Helix hereby accepts this conveyance and assignment. Seller hereby requests that any official of any country foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue, register or grant patents and applications as aforesaid, to issue Letters Patent, Utility Model Registration, Inventor's Certificate, or the like, based upon the Assets, to Helix.

The undersigned, whose titles are supplied below, are authorized and empowered to sign this assignment on behalf of Seller and Helix, respectively.

ASSIGNOR:  
Helix Medical, Inc., a California Corporation

Signed: [Signature]

Name: Edmund V. Seder

Title: President

State of California  
County of Santa Barbara

On this 18th day of October, 2006, before me personally appeared the foregoing individuals, who executed the foregoing instrument and who acknowledged to me that they executed the same of their own free will for the purpose therein set forth.

Notary Public: [Signature]  
Acting in the County of Santa Barbara  
State of California  
My Commission Expires December 17, 2006

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**ASSIGNEE:**

**Helix Medical LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company,**  
wholly-owned by Freudenberg-NOK General Partnership,  
a general partnership organized under the laws of the  
State of Delaware

Signed: *Ralf Krieger*

Name: Ralf Krieger

Title: CFO of Freudenberg-NOK General Partnership,  
the sole member of Helix Medical, LLC

State of California

County of Santa Barbara

On this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2006, before me personally appeared the foregoing individuals, who executed the foregoing instrument and who acknowledged to me that they executed the same of their own free will for the purpose therein set forth.

Notary Public: *Marie S. Morrill*

Acting in the County of: Santa Barbara

State of: California

My Commission Expires: December 17, 2006

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## EXHIBIT A

## U.S. PATENT AND PATENT APPLICATIONS

| Title  | Patent/<br>Publication<br>No. | U.S. Serial<br>No. | Filing Date | Issue Date       | Assigned to<br>Seller By  | Assignment<br>Recorded<br>Reel/Frame<br>No. |
|--|-------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|------------------|---|---|
| Adjustable tracheostoma valve                                      | 5,059,208                     | 07/649,958         | 2/4/1991    | 10/22/1991       | Coe,<br>Frederick L.;<br>Seder,<br>Edmund V.;<br>Blom E.                                      | 005595/0852<br>005756/0145                  |
| Voice prosthesis insertion<br>assemblies                           | 5,064,433                     | 07/487,782         | 3/5/1990    | 11/12/1991       | Blom, Eric<br>D.; Coe,<br>Frederick L.  | 005286/0094                                 |
| Voice prosthesis-cartridge assembly                                | 5,578,083                     | 08/559,210         | 11/13/1995  | 11/26/1996       | Laguette,<br>Stephen W.;<br>Seder,<br>Edmund V.   | 007797/0378                                 |
| Voice prosthesis-cartridge assembly                                | 5,693,097                     | 08/707,750         | 9/4/1996    | 12/2/1997        | Laguette,<br>Stephen W.;<br>Seder,<br>Edmund V.   | 008219/0919                                 |
| Voice prosthesis brush   | 6,484,345                     | 09/783,664         | 2/13/2001   | 11/26/2002       | Seder,<br>Edmund V.;<br>Mudd,<br>Christopher<br>S.  | 011565/0601                                 |
| Valve mounting assembly for voice<br>prosthesis-cartridge and ring | 6,948,526                     | 10/487,614         | 2/19/2004   | 9/27/2005        | Seder,<br>Edmund V.;<br>Porter, Tina  | 016693/0187                                 |
| Spring-ball valve for voice<br>prosthesis                          | 2004/0193265                  | 10/487,613         | 2/19/2004   | Not<br>Available | Seder,<br>Edmund;<br>Solis,<br>Mitchell A.  | 016893/0644                                 |
| Extended Dwell Voice Prosthesis                                    | 5,480,432                     | 08/282,277         | 7/27/1994   | 1/2/1996         | Suding, D.R.;<br>Seder,<br>Edmund.  | 007221/0300                                 |
| Extended Dwell Voice Prosthesis                                    | 5,632,775                     | 08/543,282         | 10/16/1995  | 5/25/1997        | Suding, D.R.;<br>Seder,<br>Edmund.  | ---   |
| Prosthesis with foldable flange                                    | 2004/0204759                  | 10/487,612         | 2/19/2004   | Not<br>Available | Blom, Eric;<br>Seder, Jobeth  | 018119/0138                                 |
| Antimicrobial indwelling voice<br>prosthesis                       | 2005/0171602                  | 11/093,351         | 3/29/2005   | Not<br>Available | Goldberg,<br>Jeffrey L.;<br>Seder,<br>Edmund V.;<br>Nelson, Jesse<br>N.; Madrigal,<br>Juan M. | 017072/0305                                 |
| Medical devices having<br>antimicrobial properties                 | 2005/0256573                  | 10/990,168         | 11/15/2004  | Not<br>Available | Seder,<br>Edmund V.;<br>Nelson, Jesse<br>N.   | 016714/0102                                 |
| Antimicrobial elastomer<br>composition and method for making       | 2005/0020844                  | 10/923,138         | 8/19/2004   | Not<br>Available | Nelson, Jesse<br>N.   | 017830/0032                                 |
| Medical devices having<br>antimicrobial properties                 | 2002/193879                   | 09/833,961         | 4/11/2001   | Not<br>Available | Seder,<br>Edmund V.;<br>Nelson, Jesse<br>N.   | 011707/0749                                 |
| Voice Prosthesis Device  | Not Available                 | 11/145,791         | 6/6/2005    | Not<br>Available | Nelson, Jesse<br>N.   | 016304/0051                                 |
| Hard Valve Voice Prosthesis  | Not Available                 | 11/421,898         | 5/4/2006    | Not<br>Available | Nelson, Jesse<br>N.   | ---   |

FOREIGN PATENTS AND PATENT APPLICATIONS

| Country   | Title  | Patent/<br>Publication No. | Patent Application<br>No. | Assigned to Seller<br>By                              |
|-----------|--|----------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| AUSTRALIA | Voice Prosthesis-Cartridge<br>Assembly   | AU 727888                  | AU 19960075538            | Laguette, S.W. /<br>Seder, E. V. /<br>Escobedo, P. J. |
| AUSTRALIA | Medical Devices Having<br>Microbial Resistant<br>Material Properties                             | AU 4090997                 | AU19970040909             | Laguette, S.W. /<br>Vassallo, T.M. /<br>Seder E.      |
| AUSTRALIA | Prosthesis with Fold<br>able Flange  |                            | AU 20022359782            | Blom, E. / Seder, J.                                  |
| AUSTRALIA | Voice Prosthesis Brush<br>Valve Mounting Assembly<br>for Voice Prosthesis-<br>Cartridge and Ring |                            | AU 2002243995             | Mudd, C. S. / Seder,<br>E.V.                          |
| AUSTRALIA | Antimicrobial Indwelling<br>Voice Prosthesis   |                            | AU 2002364225             | Porter, T. / Seder,<br>E.V.                           |
| AUSTRALIA | Antimicrobial Indwelling<br>Voice Prosthesis   |                            | AU 2006200415             | Goldberg, J. / Seder,<br>E., et al.                   |
| AUSTRALIA | Spring-Ball Valve for<br>Voice Prosthesis  |                            | AU 2002367367             | Seder, E.V. / Solis,<br>M.A.                          |
| AUSTRALIA | Voice Prosthesis Device  |                            | AU 2006201493             | Nelson, Jesse N.                                      |
| AUSTRALIA | Voice Prosthesis Device  |                            | AU 2006202554             | Nelson, Jesse N.                                      |
| BELGIUM   | Voice Prosthesis-Cartridge<br>Assembly   | EP 0868156                 | EP 96937903               | Laguette, S.W. /<br>Seder, E. V. /<br>Escobedo, P. J. |
| CANADA    | Prosthesis with Foldable<br>Flange   | CA 2470994                 | CA20022470994             | Blom, E. / Seder, J.                                  |
| CANADA    | Voice Prosthesis-Cartridge<br>Assembly   | CA 2237518                 | CA19962237518             | Escobedo, P.J. /<br>Laguette, S.W. /<br>Seder, E.V.   |
| CANADA    | Voice Prosthesis Brush<br>Valve Mounting Assembly<br>for Voice Prosthesis-<br>Cartridge and Ring | CA 2434098                 | CA20022434098             | Mudd, C. S. / Seder,<br>E.V.                          |
| CANADA    | Valve Mounting Assembly<br>for Voice Prosthesis-<br>Cartridge and Ring                           | CA 2471854                 | CA20022471854             | Seder, E./ Porter, T.                                 |
| CANADA    | Valve Mounting Assembly<br>for Voice Prosthesis<br>Cartridge and Ring                            | CA 5307516                 |                           | Seder, E./ Porter, T.                                 |
| CANADA    | Spring-Ball Valve for<br>Voice Prosthesis  | CA 2471002                 | CA20022471002             | Seder, E.V. / Solis,<br>M.A.                          |
| CANADA    | Voice Prosthesis Device  | CA 2541887                 |                           | Nelson, Jesse N.                                      |
| EPO       | Antimicrobial Indwelling<br>Voice Prosthesis   |                            | EP 6001519.5              | Goldberg, J. / Seder,<br>E., et al.                   |
| EPO       | Voice Prosthesis-Cartridge<br>Assembly   | EP 0868156                 | EP 96937903               | Laguette, S.W. /<br>Seder, E. V. /<br>Escobedo, P. J. |
| EPO       | Prosthesis with Foldable<br>Flange   | EP 1458310                 | EP20020794344.8           | Blom, E. / Seder, J.                                  |

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| EPO         | Voice Prosthesis Brush  | EP 1360016  | EP20020709514                   | Seder, E. / Mudd, C. S.                         |
| EPO         | Valve Mounting Assembly for Voice Prosthesis-Cartridge and Ring | EP 1458311  | EP20020799301                   | Seder, E./ Porter, T.                           |
| EPO         | Spring-Ball Valve for Voice Prosthesis                          | EP 1458312  | EP20020806211.5                 | Seder, E.V. / Solis, M.A.                       |
| EPO         | Voice Prosthesis Device   |             | EP 06011524.3                   | Nelson, Jesse N.                                |
| GERMANY     | Voice Prosthesis-Cartridge Assembly                             | DE 69626039 | DE19966026039                   | Laguette, S.W. / Seder, E. V. / Escobedo, P. J. |
| GERMANY     | Voice Prosthesis Brush  | DE 10296229 | DE 20021096229.4                | Seder, E./ Mudd, C. S.                          |
| ITALY       | Voice Prosthesis-Cartridge Assembly                             | EP 0868156  | EP 96937903                     | Laguette, S.W. / Seder, E. V. / Escobedo, P. J. |
| ITALY       | Voice Prosthesis Brush  |             | IT 2709514                      | Mudd, C. S. / Seder, E.V.                       |
| JAPAN       | Voice Prosthesis Cartridge Assembly                             | JP 3759752  | JP19970518908<br>JP19960518908T | Laguette / E. Seder                             |
| NEW ZEALAND | Prosthesis with Foldable Flange                                 |             | NZ 534,318                      | Blom, E. / Seder, J.                            |
| NEW ZEALAND | Antimicrobial Indwelling Voice Prosthesis                       |             | NZ 548505                       | Goldberg, J. /Seder, E., et al.                 |
| NEW ZEALAND | Antimicrobial Indwelling Voice Prosthesis                       |             | NZ 545065                       | J. Goldberg / E. Seder, et al.                  |
| NEW ZEALAND | Spring-Ball Valve for Voice Prosthesis                          |             | NZ 533489                       | Seder, E. /Solis, M.                            |
| NEW ZEALAND | Voice Prosthesis Device   |             | NZ 546,524                      | Nelson, Jesse N.                                |
| NEW ZEALAND | Voice Prosthesis Device   |             | NZ 547,937                      | Nelson, Jesse N.                                |
| NEW ZEALAND | Valve Mounting Assembly for Voice Prosthesis Cartridge and Ring |             | NZ 533446                       | Seder, E. / Porter, T.                          |
| PCT         | Voice Prosthesis-Cartridge Assembly                             | WO 9717916  | WO1996US17710                   | Laguette, S.W. / E. Seder                       |
| PCT         | Medical Devices Having Microbial Resistant Material Properties  | WO 9808463  | WO1997US15011                   | Laguette, S.W. / Vassallo, T.M. / Seder E.      |
| PCT         | Prosthesis with Foldable Flange                                 | WO 0357082  | WO2002US40932                   | Blom, E. / Seder, J.                            |
| PCT         | Voice Prosthesis Brush  | WO 0264271  | WO2002US04285                   | Seder, E. / Mudd, C. S.                         |
| PCT         | Medical Devices Having Antimicrobial Properties                 | WO 0283031  | WO2002US11653                   | Seder, E.V. / Nelson, J.N.                      |
| PCT         | Valve Mounting Assembly for Voice Prosthesis-Cartridge and Ring | WO 03057083 | WO2002US41274                   | Seder, E./ Porter, T.                           |

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| PCT            | Antimicrobial Elastomer<br>Composition and Method<br>for Making | WO 06023232 | WO2005US26723 | Nelson, Jesse   |
| PCT            | Spring-Ball Valve for<br>Voice Prosthesis                       | WO 03058077 | WO2002US41275 | Seder, E.V. / Solis,<br>M.A.                          |
| UNITED KINGDOM | Voice Prosthesis-Cartridge<br>Assembly                          | EP 0868156  | EP 96937903   | Laguette, S.W. /<br>Seder, E. V. /<br>Escobedo, P. J. |
| UNITED KINGDOM | Voice Prosthesis Brush  | GB 2387211  | GB20030015158 | Seder, E. / Mudd, C.<br>S.                            |