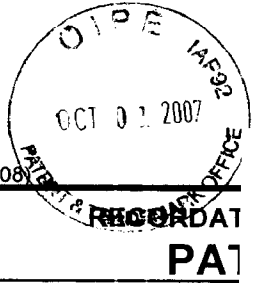


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ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTION

In consideration of the payment by ASSIGNEE to ASSIGNOR of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and for other good and valuable consideration,

ASSIGNOR: **DAVID T. GREEN, KEITH RATCLIFF, KEITH L. MILLIMAN,
HENRY R. SIENKIEWICZ and MITCHELL J. PALMER**

(Inventor(s) or
person(s) or entity(es)
who own the invention)

(If assignment is by person or entity to whom invention was previously assigned and this was recorded in PTO add the following)

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hereby sells, assigns and transfers to

ASSIGNEE:

UNITED STATES SURGICAL CORPORATION
(Type or print name of ASSIGNEE)

150 Glover Avenue
Address

Norwalk, CT 06856

USA
Nationality

(Assignment of Invention [16-3]-- page 1 of 3)

and the successors, assigns and legal representatives of the ASSIGNEE

(complete one of the following)

the entire right, title and interest

an undivided _____ percent (_____ %) interest for the United States and its territorial possessions

(check the following box if foreign rights are also to be assigned)

and in all foreign countries, including all rights to claim priority, in and to any and all improvements which are disclosed in the invention entitled:

SURGICAL STAPLING APPARATUS

(check and complete (a), (b), (c) or (d))

and which is found in

- (a) U.S. patent application executed on even date herewith
- (b) U.S. patent application executed on _____
- (c) U.S. application Serial No. 0 / _____
filed on _____
- (d) U.S. Patent No. _____ issued _____

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and, in and to, all Letters Patent to be obtained for said invention by the above application or any continuation, division, renewal, or substitute thereof, and as to letters patent any reissue or re-examination thereof

ASSIGNOR hereby covenants that no assignment, sale, agreement or encumbrance has been or will be made or entered into which would conflict with this assignment;

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(Assignment of Invention [16-3]-- page 2 of 3)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I/We have hereunto set hand and seal this _____
(Date of signing).

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David T. Green
DAVID T. GREEN

11 MAY 98
Dated

Keith Ratcliff
KEITH RATCLIFF

12 MAY 98
Dated

Keith L. Milliman
KEITH L. MILLIMAN

14 MAY 98
Dated

Henry R. Sienkiewicz
HENRY R. SIENKIEWICZ

30 MAY 1998
Dated

Mitchell J. Palmer
MITCHELL J. PALMER

5/19/98
Dated

If ASSIGNOR is a legal entity complete the following information

Type or print the name of the above person
authorized to sign on behalf of ASSIGNOR

Title

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STATE OF *Connecticut*
ss: *Westport*
COUNTY OF *Fairfield*

On this _____ day of _____, 19____, before me personally appeared **DAVID T. GREEN** to me personally known and known to me to be the person who signed the foregoing assignment and acknowledged the signing of same as his free act and deed.

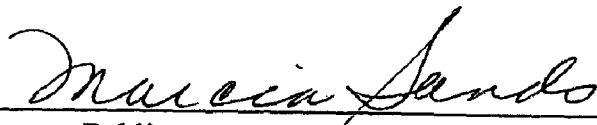


Notary Public

DOREEN KIRKLAND-GREEN
NOTARY PUBLIC
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES OCT. 31, 2002

STATE OF _____
ss: _____
COUNTY OF _____

On this *12* day of *May*, 19*98*, before me personally appeared **KEITH RATCLIFF** to me personally known and known to me to be the person who signed the foregoing assignment and acknowledged the signing of same as his free act and deed.

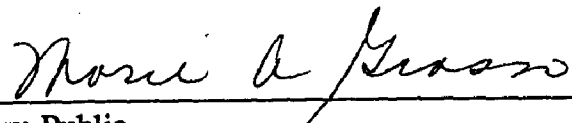


Notary Public

MARCIA SANDS
NOTARY PUBLIC
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES MAY 31, 2003

STATE OF _____
ss: _____
COUNTY OF _____

On this *14th* day of *May*, 19*98*, before me personally appeared **KEITH L. MILLIMAN** to me personally known and known to me to be the person who signed the foregoing assignment and acknowledged the signing of same as his free act and deed.



Notary Public

MARIE A. GRASSO
NOTARY PUBLIC
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES MAY 31, 2003

STATE OF Connecticut

ss: Norwalk

COUNTY OF Fairfield

On this 10th day of June, 1998, before me

personally appeared HENRY R. SIENKIEWICZ to me personally known and known to me to be the person who signed the foregoing assignment and acknowledged the signing of same as his free act and deed.

Carey Ann Esposito

Notary Public

CAREY-ANN ESPOSITO
Notary Public, State of Connecticut
My Commission Expires April 30, 1999

STATE OF

ss:

COUNTY OF

On this 19th day of May, 1998, before me

personally appeared MITCHELL J. PALMER to me personally known and known to me to be the person who signed the foregoing assignment and acknowledged the signing of same as his free act and deed.

Mitchell J. Palmer
Notary Public

My Commission Expires January 31, 2000

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who own the invention)

David T. Green, Henry R. Sienkiewicz,
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United States Surgical Corporation
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U.S.A.
Nationality

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(check and complete (a), (b), (c) or (d))

and which is found in

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- (b) U.S. patent application executed on _____
- (c) U.S. application serial no. 07 / _____ filed on
March 1, 1993 as Express Mail No. TB115786132US
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instruments or affidavits required to apply for, obtain, maintain, issue and enforce said appli-
cation, said invention and said Letters Patent and said equivalents thereof which may be
necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I/We have hereunto set hand and seal this
_____ (Date of signing).

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David T. Green
David T. Green

3-5-93
Dated

Henry R. Sienkiewicz
Henry R. Sienkiewicz

3-8-93
Dated

Richard C. McClure
Richard C. McClure

3-8-93
Dated

Robert C. Savage
Robert C. Savage

3-9-93
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CONTINUATION OF ASSIGNMENT FORM

Keith L. Milliman
Keith L. Milliman

3-8-93
Dated

✓

Mitchell J. Palmer
Mitchell J. Palmer

3/9/93
Dated

✓

Lisa W. Heaton
Lisa W. Heaton

3-11-93
Dated

✓

Graham W. Bryan
Graham W. Bryan

3-11-93
Dated

✓

STATE OF Connecticut
SS

COUNTY OF Fairfield

On this 5th day of March, 1993,

before me personally appeared David T. Green
to me personally known and known to me to be the person
who signed the foregoing assignment and acknowledged the
signing of same as his free act and deed.

Grette S. Radley
Notary Public

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires March 31, 1993

STATE OF Connecticut
SS

COUNTY OF Fairfield

On this 8th day of March, 1993,

before me personally appeared Henry R. Sienkiewicz
to me personally known and known to me to be the person
who signed the foregoing assignment and acknowledged the
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Grette S. Radley
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My Commission Expires March 31, 1993

STATE OF Connecticut
SS

COUNTY OF Fairfield

On this 8th day of March, 1993,

before me personally appeared Richard C. McClure
to me personally known and known to me to be the person
who signed the foregoing assignment and acknowledged the
signing of same as his free act and deed.

Grette S. Radley
Notary Public

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My Commission Expires March 31, 1993

STATE OF Connecticut
SS

COUNTY OF Fairfield

On this 9th day of March, 1993,

before me personally appeared Robert C. Savage
to me personally known and known to me to be the person
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Grette S. Radley
Notary Public

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My Commission Expires March 31, 1993

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On this 8th day of March, 1993,
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to me personally known and known to me to be the person
who signed the foregoing assignment and acknowledged the
signing of same as his free act and deed.

Grette S. Rodley
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My Commission Expires March 31, 1993

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On this 9th day of March, 1993,
before me personally appeared Mitchell J. Palmer
to me personally known and known to me to be the person
who signed the foregoing assignment and acknowledged the
signing of same as his free act and deed.

Grette S. Rodley
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My Commission Expires March 31, 1993

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On this 11th day of March, 1993,
before me personally appeared Lisa W. Heaton
to me personally known and known to me to be the person
who signed the foregoing assignment and acknowledged the
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Grette S. Rodley
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My Commission Expires March 31, 1993

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On this 11th day of March, 1993,
before me personally appeared Graham W. Bryan
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