

**PATENT ASSIGNMENT**

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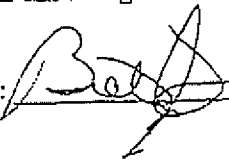
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**EXHIBIT C**

**Assignment of Intellectual Property Rights**

In consideration of the mutual obligations set forth in that Intellectual Property Purchase Agreement dated October 10, 2002 by and between NuVasive, Inc. ("NuVasive") and Spine Partners, LLC ("Spine Partners"), the adequacy and receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Dr. Bret Ferree, President of Spine Partners and owner of the entire right, title, and interest in and to certain intellectual property, including US Patent Application Ser. No. 10/105,971 and International Patent Application PCT/US02/11301 (both entitled "Spinal Alignment Apparatus and Methods"), US Patent Application Ser. No. 60/384,966 (entitled "Anterior Cervical Plate") and US Patent Application Ser. No. 10/108,287 and International Patent Application Ser. No. PCT/US02/09168 (both entitled "Hinged Anterior Thoracic/Lumbar Plate") (collectively "Patent Applications"), and know-how and any specifications, test and/or regulatory test data, and prototypes involving the systems described in the Patent Applications ("Intellectual Property Rights"), hereby sells and irrevocably assigns to NuVasive the entire right, title and interest in and to the Intellectual Property Rights and any and all patent future applications based upon the Intellectual Property Rights, including but not limited to all related PCT and/or national applications (foreign and domestic), continuation applications, continuations-in-part applications, divisional applications, and applications upon which the Intellectual Property Rights claim priority, to be held and enjoyed by NuVasive, its successors and assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by Dr. Ferree and Spine Partners had this assignment and sale not been made.

In testimony whereof, I, Dr. Bret A. Ferree, individually and on behalf of Spine Partners, sign this Assignment of Intellectual Property Rights this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2002.

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