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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: Thomas Wenchell	Roman Czernik
Stanislaw Marczyk	Henry E. Holsten
Kenneth H. Whitfield	Frank C. Maffei

(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: TYCO HEALTHCARE GROUP LP
150 Glover Avenue
Norwalk, CT 06856
USA

and the successors, assigns and legal representatives of the ASSIGNEE the entire right, title and interest, including the right to sue for present, past and future infringement, in the United States, its territorial possessions, and in all foreign countries, including all treaty and convention rights in and to the invention and any and all improvements entitled:

SURGICAL STAPLING DEVICE

which is described in

- (a) U.S. patent application executed on even date herewith
- (b) U.S. patent application executed on _____
- (c) International Application No. PCT/US02/32031 on 04 October 2002.
- (d) U.S. patent no. _____ issued _____
(also check (e) if foreign application(s) is also being assigned)
- (e) and any legal equivalent thereof in a foreign country, and, in and to, all United States and foreign Letters Patent, for the full term thereof, to be obtained for said invention by the above application or any continuation, division, renewal, extension or substitute thereof, and as to letters patent any re-issue 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;

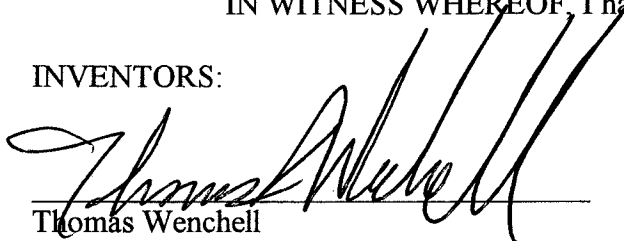
ASSIGNOR hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all such Letters Patent to ASSIGNEE:

ASSIGNOR further covenants to promptly provide all pertinent facts and documents known and accessible to ASSIGNOR relating to said invention and said Letters Patent and legal equivalents; to testify as to the same in any interference, litigation or proceeding related thereto; to execute and deliver any and all papers that may be necessary or desirable to perfect the title to said invention or any Letters Patents which may be granted therefor in said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns or other legal representatives; to execute any additional or divisional applications for patents for said invention, or any part or parts thereof, and for the reissue of any Letters Patents to be granted therefor; and to make all rightful oaths and do all lawful acts requisite for procuring the same or for aiding therein, all without further compensation, but at the sole expense of ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, or other legal representatives.

ASSIGNOR hereby grants ASSIGNEE and Assignee's attorneys the power to insert the Serial No. and/or filing date of the above-described application(s) after such information becomes known to them.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set hand and seal.

INVENTORS:

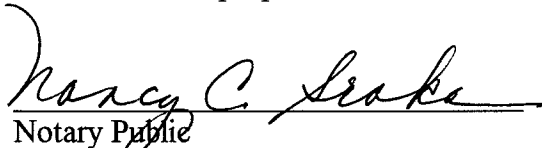

Thomas Wenchell

Dated: 12/16/03

State of Connecticut

County of NEW HAVEN) ss: NORTH HAVEN

Before me this 16th day of December 2003,
personally appeared **Thomas Wenchell** to me personally known to be the person described in and who executed the above instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes therein set forth.


Notary Public

My Commission Expires June 30, 2005

AFFIX SEAL

Stanislaw Marczyk
Stanislaw Marczyk

Dated: 12-17-03

State of Connecticut)
County of NEW HAVEN) ss: NORTH HAVEN

Before me this 17th day of December 2003,
personally appeared **Stanislaw Marczyk** to me personally known to be the person described in and
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Nancy C. Sroka
Notary Public
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AFFIX SEAL

Kenneth H. Whitfield
Kenneth H. Whitfield

Dated: 12-17-03

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AFFIX SEAL

R Czernik
Roman Czernik

Dated: 12/19/03

State of Connecticut)
County of NEW HAVEN) ss: NORTH HAVEN

Before me this 19th day of December 2003,
personally appeared **Romas Czernik** to me personally known to be the person described in and who
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Nancy C. Proke
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AFFIX SEAL

Henry E. Holsten
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Dated: Dec 19, 2003

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Before me this 19th day of December 2003,
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AFFIX SEAL

Frank C. Maffei
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Dated: DEC 17, 2003

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County of NEW HAVEN) ss: NORTH HAVEN

Before me this 17th day of December 2003,
personally appeared **Frank C. Maffei** to me personally known to be the person described in and
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