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ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTION

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

Frank J. Viola

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hereby sells, assigns and transfers to

ASSIGNEE:

Tyco Healthcare Group LP
195 McDermott Road
North Haven, CT 06473
US

and the successors, assigns and legal representatives of the ASSIGNEE

the entire right, title and interest

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

and in all foreign countries, including all rights to claim priority, 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:

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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. _____ filed on _____.
- (d) U.S. provisional application No. _____ filed on _____.
- (e) U.S. Patent No. _____ issued _____.
- (f) PCT application No. _____ filed on _____.
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- (g) and any legal equivalent thereof in a foreign country, including the right to claim priority and, in and to, all Letters Patent to be obtained for said invention by the above application

or any continuation, continuation-in-part, divisional, renewal, or substitute thereof, and as to letters patent any reissue or re-examination thereof

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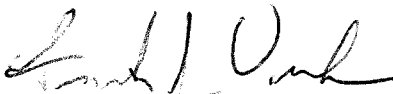
ASSIGNORS hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all such Letters Patent to ASSIGNEE:

ASSIGNORS further covenants to promptly provide all pertinent facts and documents known and accessible to ASSIGNORS 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.

ASSIGNORS 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/We have hereunto set hand and seal.

WARNING: Date of signing must be the **same as** the date of execution of the application if item (a) was checked above.



Frank J. Viola

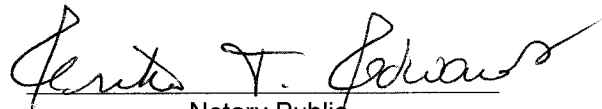
August 13, 2007

Dated

State of Connecticut)
) ss
County of New Haven)

Before me this 13 day of August 2007,

personally appeared **Frank J. Viola** 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
Erika T. Edwards
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My Commission Expires
November 30, 2009

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