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**ASSIGNMENT FOR NIH/FDA INVENTIONS  
(NIH OR FDA CO-INVENTORS ONLY)**

WHEREAS, I, Bradford Johns Wood, an employee of the National Institutes of Health, a component of the United States Department of Health and Human Services having an address at the Office of Technology Transfer, National Institutes of Health, 6011 Executive Boulevard, Suite 325, MSC 7660, Bethesda, MD 20892-7660, [hereinafter **The Inventor**], have made an invention as described and claimed in the patent application entitled:

**METHOD, SYSTEM AND DEVICES FOR TRANSJUGULAR INTRAHEPATIC  
PORTOSYSTEMIC SHUNT (TIPS) PROCEDURES**

described in an application for United States Letters Patent, which is found in U.S. Application No. 12/392,817 filed on February 25, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the invention described and claimed in the U.S. Application listed above was made under conditions such as to entitle **THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**, as represented by the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services [hereinafter **THE GOVERNMENT**] under Executive Order 10096 and its amendments, 35 USC §§200-201, §§206-207, and §210 and 37 CFR Part 501 to the entirety of my right, title, and interest in such invention; and

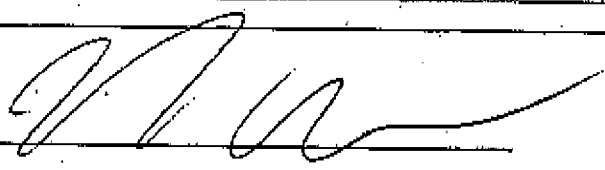
WHEREAS, **THE GOVERNMENT** is desirous of acquiring **The Inventor's** domestic and foreign right, title, and interest in the invention described and claimed above; and

NOW, THEREFORE, having the legal obligation to assign my right, title and interest in the invention described and claimed in the U.S. Application listed above to **THE GOVERNMENT**, having a place of business at the Office of Technology Transfer, National Institutes of Health, 6011 Executive Boulevard, Suite 325, MSC 7660, Bethesda, MD 20892-7660 and for consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, I hereby assign and transfer to **THE GOVERNMENT**:

The **Inventor's** right, title, and interest in and to any and all inventions described and claimed in the U.S. Application listed above and any and all Letters Patent which may be granted thereon, and any and all continuations, divisions, reissues or extensions thereof; and the rights to claim priority on the basis of the U.S. Application including but not limited to applications filed through the provisions of the Patent Cooperation Treaty ("PCT Applications"); and applications for Letters Patent that may be filed for any and all inventions described and claimed in the U.S. Applications that may be filed in any foreign country and all Letters Patents that may be granted thereon in any foreign country and all extensions, renewals, and reissues thereof.

I further agree to make, execute, and deliver to THE GOVERNMENT, upon request, any and all papers, documents, affidavits, or other instruments that may be necessary in the prosecution of any application or application for improvements or reissues of Letters Patent, and to assist THE GOVERNMENT in every way as may be requested in protecting said invention. THE GOVERNMENT promises to pay any reasonable expenses incurred by The Co-Inventor in making, executing and delivering of such papers to THE GOVERNMENT.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I subscribe my hand and seal on the dates shown below:

<b>The Co-Inventor</b>	
<u>7-8-09</u> Date	
County of _____	Se: _____
State of _____	
Subscribed and sworn to before me this ____ day of _____	
[Seal]	_____ Notary Public for _____ My Commission Expires: _____