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Application No. 10/759,811  
Attorney Docket No. 039US1

### ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, *Patrick Miles*, of 5227 Greenwillow Lane, San Diego, CA 92130; *Scot Martinelli*, of 9624 Paseo Montril, San Diego, CA 92129; *Eric Finley*, of 10548 Caminito Banyon, San Diego, CA 92131; *James Gharib*, of 10918 Derrydown Way, San Diego, CA 92130; *Allen Farquhar*, of 6220 Hannon Court, San Diego CA, 92117; *Norbert Kaula*, of 8258 West 72nd Avenue, Arvada, CO 80005; *Jeffrey Blewett (deceased)*, of San Diego, CA 92131, hereinafter referred to as "Assignors," are the inventors of the invention described and set forth in the below-identified application for United States Letters Patent:

Title of Invention: SURGICAL ACCESS SYSTEM AND RELATED METHODS

Date(s) of execution of Declaration: 7/20/04 ; 7/21/04 ; 4/7/04

Filing Date: January 16, 2004

Application No.: 10/759,811

WHEREAS, *NuVasive, Inc.*, a Corporation of the State of Delaware, located at 10065 Old Grove Road, San Diego, CA, 92131, hereinafter referred to as "Assignee," is desirous of acquiring an interest in the invention and application and in any U.S. Letters Patent and Registrations which may be granted on the same;

For good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by Assignors, Assignors have assigned, and by these presents do assign to Assignee all right, title and interest in and to the invention and application and to all foreign counterparts (including patent, utility model and industrial designs), and in and to any Letters Patent and Registrations which may hereafter be granted on the same in the United States and all countries throughout the world, and to claim the priority from the application as provided by the Paris Convention. The right, title and interest is to be held and enjoyed by Assignee and Assignee's successors and assigns as fully and exclusively as it would have been held and enjoyed by Assignors had this Assignment not been made, for the full term of any Letters Patent and Registrations which may be granted thereon, or of any division, renewal, continuation in whole or in part, substitution, conversion, reissue, prolongation or extension thereof.

Assignors further agree that they will, without charge to Assignee, but at Assignee's expense, (a) cooperate with Assignee in the prosecution of U.S. Patent applications and foreign counterparts on the invention and any improvements, (b) execute, verify, acknowledge and deliver all such further papers, including patent applications and instruments of transfer, and (c) perform such other acts as Assignee lawfully may request to obtain or maintain Letters Patent and Registrations for the invention and improvements in any and all countries, and to vest title thereto in Assignee, or Assignee's successors and assigns.


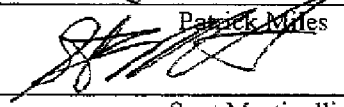
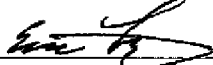
Assignors hereby authorize and request Jonathan Spangler, Esq. 10065 Old Grove Road, San Diego, CA, 92131, to insert herein above the application number and filing date of said application when known.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignors has signed their names on the dates indicated.

Dated: 7/20/04

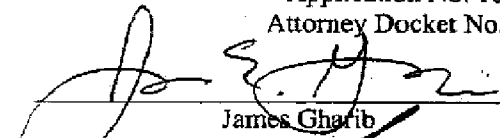
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**Assignment of Patent Rights**

WHEREAS, Norbert Kaula, an individual having a principal residence at 8258 West 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Arvada Colorado 80005 (hereinafter "Assignor"), is a co-inventor of the invention described and set forth in the application for US Letters Patent identified below:

Title of Invention:	Surgical Access System and Related Methods
US Pat. App. Ser. No:	10/759,811
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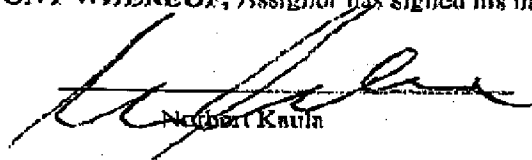
WHEREAS, NuVasive, Inc., a corporation of the State of Delaware having a principal place of business at 10065 Old Grove Road, San Diego California 92131 (hereafter "Assignee"), stands to receive all right, title, and interest in said patent application due in part to contractual obligations of the Assignor to the Assignee based on their prior business relationship and is desirous of obtaining this assignment of rights perfecting the acquisition of all right, title, and interest in and to the invention and application and any rights in any Letters Patent or Registrations which may be granted on the same;

For good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by Assignor, Assignor has assigned and by these presents hereby does assign to Assignee all right, title and interest in and to the invention and application (including any and all foreign counterparts, such as foreign patent, utility model and industrial design applications) and any Letters Patent or Registrations which may hereinafter be granted on the same in the United States and all countries throughout the world, and to claim priority from the application as provided by the Paris Convention (collectively "Patent Rights"). These Patent Rights are to be held and enjoyed by Assignee and Assignee's successors and assigns as fully and exclusively as they would have been held and enjoyed by Assignor had this Assignment not been made, for the full term of any Letters Patent or Registrations which may be granted thereon, or of any division, renewal, continuation in whole or in part, substitution, conversion, reissue, reexamination, prolongation or extension thereof.

Assignor further agrees that he will, at Assignee's expense: (a) cooperate with Assignee in the prosecution of the US Patent Applications and foreign counterparts on the invention and any improvements; (b) execute, verify, acknowledge and deliver all such further papers, including patent applications and instruments of transfer; and (c) perform such other acts as Assignee may lawfully request to obtain or maintain Letters Patent or Registrations for the invention and improvements in any and all countries, and to vest title thereto in Assignee, or Assignee's successors and assigns.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignor has signed his name and dated this Assignment below where indicated.

Assignor Signature:



Norbert Kaula

Date: July 21, 2004  
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### Assignment

I, Gorette Medeiros, being the widow of Jeffrey J. Blewett and duly appointed executor of the estate of Jeffrey J. Blewett, hereby assign to NuVasive, Inc. the entire right, title and interest to any and all patent applications filed by NuVasive, Inc. (including those currently pending and those filed in the future) in which the deceased Jeffrey J. Blewett is a named inventor according to the application forms as submitted ("Patent Applications"), including any Letters Patent and/or Registrations which may hereafter be granted on the Patent Applications in the United States and all countries throughout the world, and any division, renewal, continuation in whole or in part, substitution, conversion, reissue, prolongation or extension thereof. The right, title and interest is to be held and enjoyed by NuVasive and its successors and assigns as fully and exclusively as it would have been held and enjoyed by Jeffrey J. Blewett had this Assignment not been made.

  
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 Signature

April 7, 2004  
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