PRIORITY CERTIFICATE

Certificate No.: PC2017-345456 Granted: June 24, 2018

First performance of surgical reconstruction of damaged herniated disks by using polymer implants and UV laser annealing

Dr. Jonathan Smith

(University of New Carolina)

"Top 10 medical achievements in Orthopedic Surgery" for year 2018

The Board of Directors of Academic Services Inc. attests that an expert examiner has been commissioned to diligently and competently examine the priority-claims in this priority-certificate and that the examiner has found that the claimants herein are the first to perform the medical procedures claimed in this priority-certificate.

Thereby, a Priority-Certificate has been granted today June 24, 2018 attesting that Dr. Jonathan R. Smith is the first to perform the medical procedures claimed in this priority-certificate.

President of Academic Services Inc.

Claim 1: Claimant is the first to perform a surgical procedure for reconstruction of herniated discs, the procedure comprising the following steps:

removing the herniated parts of the C6-7 disc by an endoscopic device; stabilizing the nucleus pulposus;

inserting a polymer solution into the C6-7 disc thereby sealing the nucleus pulposus; and annealing the polymer solution by using a deep UV laser.

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