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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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# NATIONAL PRACTICE PATTERN RESEARCH, INC. TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

# A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

The undersigned Incorporator(s) of these Articles of Incorporation, natural persons competent to contract, hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for the purposes of forming a corporation not for profit under the laws of the State of Florida.

## ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this corporation is NATIONAL PRACTICE PATTERN RESEARCH, INC. The principal business office and mailing address shall be 531 Hart Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32301.

# ARTICLE II

# PURPOSE

This corporation not for profit is organized for the following purposes:

- a. To promote: The dissemination of information relating to the manner in which health care practitioners deliver care to the community.
- b. To teach: The health care community how to utilize the data base of information to improve the delivery of health care to the community.

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- c. To provide: The health care community information concerning the economics, practices and administration of health care.
- d. To develop: Local, statewide and national data bases for members of the health care community and supporting industries to access for research to support trend analysis and policies for delivering health care.
- e. To do such other things and carry out such other programs so as to further the exempt purposes of the program.

# ARTICLE III

#### DURATION

The corporation is to exist perpetually commencing at the time of the acceptance of the filing of these Articles of Incorporation by the Department of State.

# ARTICLE IV

## MEMBERS

- 1. The initial member(s) of the corporation shall be the incorporator signing this document. Thereafter, qualifications for members and the manner of their admission are as regulated by the Bylaws of the corporation.
- 2. No part of the earnings the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed as dividends to its members, directors, officers or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered by members, directors or

officers and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article II hereof.

3. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda and the Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of any statement) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

## ARTICLE V

#### DIRECTORS

The corporation shall have three (3) directors initially. The number of directors may be increased or diminished from time to time by the Bylaws adopted by the members, but there shall never be less than three (3) directors. The names and street addresses of the Eirst Board of Directors are:

Rodney Scyphers 531 Hart Street, Tallahassee, Fla. 32301

John L. Maloney 7689 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, St. Petersburg,

Florida 33713

Ardis F. Burst 1034 Alto Street, Sante Fe, New Mexico 87501

The manner of election of the directors shall be as stated in the bylaws.

## ARTICLE VI

# INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the person(s) signing these Articles of Incorporation is Rodney Scyphers of 531 Hart Street, Tallahassee, Florida, 32301.

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# ARTICLE VII

# INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The address of the initial registered office of this corporation is 531 Hart Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32301 and the name of the initial registered agent of this corporation at that address is Rodney Scyphers.

## ARTICLE VIII

# INDEMNIFICATION

The Corporation shall indemnify any officer or director or any former officer or director, to the full extent permitted by law.

# ARTICLE IX

# AMENDMENT TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

- amendments to the Articles of the corporation by affirmative vote of a majority of the Board, provide, however, that the action is approved at a regular or special meeting of the Board, and provided further that the Board of Directors shall adopt a resolution setting forth the proposed amendment and hand deliver or mail a copy of such resolution to each member. Unless a majority of the member(s), at a general or special meeting, ratify the proposed amendment within thirty days after delivery of the proposed resolution setting forth the amendment(s), the proposed amendment(s) shall fail. All proposed Articles made by the Board of Directors may be altered or amended by the member(s).
  - 2. <u>By Members</u>. The Articles may be altered, amended, or Page 4 of 6

repealed at any special meeting of the members of the Corporation by a majority vote of all the members, represented either in person or by proxy, provided that the proposed action and proposed amendment is inserted in the notice of such special meeting where there is more than one member.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned being the Incorporator has hereunto set his hand and seal this and day of March, 1998.

Rodney Scyphers

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF LEON

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day personally appeared before me, an officer duly authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgments, Rodney Scyphers, to me well known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and he acknowledged before me that he executed the same for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 3rd day of 90rch

Printed Wame: Mary G. Fillingin Title: Notary Public Serial Number., if any:

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CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR FILED DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS STATE, PM 12: 01 NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED MAR -4 PM 12: 01

Pursuant to Chapter 48.091, Florida Statutes, the FORTARY OF STATE TALLAHASSEL, PLORIDA Submitted, in compliance with said Act.

First - that National Practice Pattern Research, Inc., desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida with its principal office, as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation at 531 Hart Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32301 has named Rodney Scyphers as its agent to accept service of process within this state.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Having been named to accept service of process for the abovestated corporation, at place designed in this certificate, I hereby
accept to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the
provision of said Act relative to keeping open said office.

DATED this 4 day of March, 1998.

RODNEY SCYPHERS