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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

In compliance with Chapter 607 and/or Chapter 621, F.S. (Profit)

<u>ARTICLE I NAME</u> The name of the corporation shall be:

USP Sarasota, Inc.

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ARTICLE II ___ PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal place of business/mailing address is: Surgery Center of Sarasota 1435 S. Tamiami Trail Sarasota, FL 34239

ARTICLE III ___PURPOSE

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is: to engage in any lawful business for which a corporation may be incorporated in the State of Florida.

ARTICLE IV SHARES

The number of shares of stock is:

1,000 shares Common Stock

ARTICLE V INITIAL OFFICERS/DIRECTORS (optional)

The name(s), address(es) and title(s):

Donald E. Steen 17103 Preston Road, Suite 200N Dallas, TX 75248

Director

ARTICLE VI REGISTERED AGENT

The name and Florida street address of the registered agent is:

CT Corporation System 1200 South Pine Island Road Plantation, FL 33324

ARTICLE VII INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

Alex Bennett 17103 Preston Road, Suite 200N Dallas, TX 75248

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity

signature/Registered Agent

Signature/Incorporator

ember 25,2001



CONSENT TO USE OF SIMILAR NAME

The undersigned, on behalf of USP Winter Park, Inc, a Florida corporation, hereby consents to the use of the name "USP Sarasota, Inc." for a new corporation to be filed in Florida.

Date: September 25, 2001

USP Winter Park, Inc.

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