## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

## FORM 8-K

#### CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) September 30, 2008

ICU Medical, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE

**0-19974** (Commission File Number)

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

951 Calle Amanecer, San Clemente, California (Address of principal executive offices)

**92673** (Zip Code)

33-0022692

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

(949) 366-2183

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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[] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

# Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(e) On September 30, 2008, ICU Medical, Inc. (the "Company") entered into retention agreements (the "Agreements") with each of Richard A. Costello, Steven C. Riggs, Scott E. Lamb and Alison Burcar (collectively, the "Officers").

The following summary of the material terms of the Agreements is qualified in its entirety by the full terms and conditions of the Agreements, copies of which are filed as exhibits hereto and are incorporated herein by reference.

In the Agreements, the Company has agreed to provide severance payments, the vesting of stock options and certain other benefits to each Officer if such Officer's employment is terminated by the Company (other than for "cause", "disability" or death) or by such Officer for "good reason" within 12 months after a "change in control" of the Company, each as defined in the Agreements (a "triggering event"). A termination of employment or the occurrence of any event which constitutes good reason will also constitute a triggering event if the termination or event occurs prior to a change in control and if the Officer can reasonably demonstrate that such termination or event occured in connection with the change in control or was at the request of a third party who had taken steps reasonably calculated to effect a change in control.

Upon a triggering event, each Officer is entitled to receive from the Company either a cash lump sum payment or 24 bi-monthly installments of the aggregate of (i) the sum of the Officer's annual base salary for the current year through the date of termination and a pro-rated portion of the Officer's on-target bonuses for the current year, less the amount of any compensation (including bonuses) previously paid for the current year, and (ii) the sum of the Officer's annual base salary as of the date immediately prior to the date of termination and the Officer's target bonuses for the current year. In addition, each Agreement provides that, upon a triggering event:

- the Company will continue to provide benefits to the Officer (other than benefits under the executive bonus plan, the Company's 401(k) Savings Plan, the 2005 Long Term Retention Plan or the 2008 Performance-Based Incentive Plan) and the Officer's family at least equal to those which would have been provided to them if the Officer's employment had not been terminated, in accordance with the applicable benefit plans in effect on the applicable date or, if more favorable to the Officer, in effect at any time thereafter with respect to other peer employees of the Company, for a period of 12 months after the date of termination, unless the Officer becomes re-employed with another employer and is eligible to receive comparable benefits,
- any outstanding stock options granted to the Officer pursuant to the Company's stock incentive plan or stock option plan, and any outstanding stock options granted to the Officer after the effective date of the Agreement and prior to a change in control, will immediately vest upon the date of termination,

- the Company will pay or provide to the Officer any other amounts or benefits required to be paid or provided or which the Officer is eligible to receive following termination under any plan, program, policy, practice, contract or agreement of the Company, and
- the Company will pay commercially reasonable fees not to exceed \$10,000 for the services of one executive outplacement firm provided to the Officer.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (d) Exhibits.
- 10.1 Retention Agreement with Richard A. Costello.
- 10.2 Retention Agreement with Steven C. Riggs.
- 10.3 Retention Agreement with Scott E. Lamb.
- 10.4 Retention Agreement with Alison Burcar.

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: October 1, 2008

#### ICU Medical, Inc.

<u>/s/ Scott E. Lamb</u> Scott E. Lamb Secretary, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer

# EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number	<u>Name of Exhibit</u>
10.2 10.3	Retention Agreement with Richard A. Costello. Retention Agreement with Steven C. Riggs. Retention Agreement with Scott E. Lamb. Retention Agreement with Alison Burcar.

This RETENTION AGREEMENT is entered into as of this 30th day of September, 2008, by and between ICU MEDICAL, INC., a Delaware corporation (the "Company") and Richard A. Costello, a key employee of the Company (the "Employee").

## RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Company recognizes that, as is the case with many publicly-held corporations, the possibility of a change in control of the Company exists and that the uncertainties raised by such a possibility may result in the distraction or even the premature departure of the Employee to the detriment of the Company and its stockholders, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Company (the "Board") has determined that appropriate steps should be taken to reinforce and encourage the continued employment and dedication of the Employee without distraction from the possibility of a change in control of the Company and related events and circumstances.

NOW, THEREFORE, as an inducement for and in consideration of the Employee remaining in its employ, the Company agrees that the Employee shall receive the severance benefits set forth in this Agreement in the event the Employee's employment with the Company is terminated under the circumstances described below subsequent to a Change in Control (as defined in Section 1.1).

## I. Key Definitions.

As used herein, the following terms shall have the following respective meanings:

#### A. "Change in Control" means

1. the acquisition by an individual, entity or group (within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) or 14(d)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act")) (a "Person") of beneficial ownership of any capital stock of the Company if, after such acquisition, such Person beneficially owns (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act) 50% or more of either (i) the thenoutstanding shares of common stock of the Company (the "Outstanding Company Common Stock") or (ii) the combined voting power of the then-outstanding voting securities of the Company entitled to vote generally in the election of directors (the "Outstanding Company Voting Securities"); provided, however, that for purposes of this subsection 1.1(a), the following acquisitions shall not constitute a Change in Control: (i) any acquisition from the Company, (ii) any acquisition by the Company, (iii) any acquisition by the Company or any corporation controlled by the Company, or (iv) any acquisition by any corporation pursuant to a transaction which complies with all of clauses (i), (ii) and (iii) of subsection (c) of this Section 1.1; or

2. individuals who, as of the date hereof, constitute the members of the Board (the "Incumbent Directors") ceasing for any reason to constitute at least a majority of the Board; provided, however, that any individual becoming a director subsequent to the date hereof whose election or nomination for election by the Company's stockholders was approved by a vote of at least a majority of the Incumbent Directors then in office shall be deemed to be an Incumbent Director (except that this proviso shall not apply to any individual whose initial election as a director occurs as a result of an actual or threatened election contest with respect to the election or removal of directors or other actual or threatened solicitation of proxies or consents by or on behalf of a Person other than the Board); or

3. the consummation of a reorganization, merger or consolidation involving the

Company or a sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company (a "Business Combination"), unless, immediately following such Business Combination, each of the following three conditions is satisfied: (i) all or substantially all of the individuals and entities who were the beneficial owners of the Outstanding Company Common Stock and Outstanding Company Voting Securities immediately prior to such Business Combination beneficially own, directly or indirectly, more than 50% of the then-outstanding shares of common stock and the combined voting power of the then-outstanding voting securities entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, respectively, of the resulting or acquiring corporation in such Business Combination (which shall include, without limitation, a corporation which as a result of such transaction owns the Company or substantially all of the Company's assets either directly or through one or more subsidiaries)(such resulting or acquiring corporation is referred to as the "Acquiring Corporation") in substantially the same proportions, relative to one another, as their ownership, immediately prior to such Business Combination, of the Outstanding Company Common Stock and Outstanding Company Voting Securities, respectively, (ii) no Person (excluding the Acquiring Corporation or any employee benefit plan (or related trust) maintained or sponsored by the Company or the Acquiring Corporation) beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, 50% or more of the then-outstanding shares of common stock of the Acquiring Corporation, or of the combined voting power of the then-outstanding voting securities of such corporation (except to the extent that such ownership existed prior to the Business Combination) and (iii) a majority of the members of the board of directors of the Acquiring Corporation were Incumbent Directors at the time of the execution of the initial agreement, or of the action of the Board, providing for such Business Combination; or

dissolution of the Company.

B. <u>"Change in Control Date"</u> means the first date during the Term (as defined in Section 2) on which a Change in Control occurs. Anything in this Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding, if a Change in Control occurs and if the Employee's employment with the Company is terminated prior to the Change in Control Date or if any event which constitutes Good Reason (as defined in Section 1.4) occurs prior to the Change in Control Date, and if it is reasonably demonstrated by the Employee that such termination of employment or event which constitutes Good Reason (i) was at the request of a third party who has taken steps reasonably calculated to effect a Change in Control or (ii) otherwise arose in connection with or in anticipation of a Change in Control, then for all purposes of this Agreement the "Change in Control Date" shall mean the date immediately prior to the date of such termination of employment or event which constitutes Good Reason.

#### C. "Cause" means:

1. the Employee's intentional, willful and continuous failure to substantially perform his or her reasonable assigned duties (other than any such failure resulting from incapacity due to physical or mental illness or any failure after the Employee gives notice of termination for Good Reason), which failure is materially and demonstrably injurious to the Company, and which failure is not cured within 30 days after a written demand for substantial performance is received by the Employee from the Board which specifically identifies the manner in which the Board believes the Employee has not substantially performed the Employee's duties; or

2. the Employee's intentional and willful engagement in illegal conduct or gross misconduct which is materially and demonstrably injurious to the Company or is intended to result in substantial personal enrichment; or

3. the Employee's conviction for a felony or the Employee's plea of *nolo contendere* in connection with a felony indictment.

For purposes of this Section 1.3, no act or failure to act by the Employee shall be considered "willful" unless it is done, or omitted to be done, in bad faith and without reasonable belief that the Employee's action or omission was in the best interests of the Company.

D. <u>"Good Reason"</u> means the occurrence, without the Employee's written consent, or any of the events or circumstances set forth in clauses (a) through (f) below. Notwithstanding the occurrence of any such event or circumstance, such occurrence shall not be deemed to constitute Good Reason if, prior to the Date of Termination specified in the Notice of Termination (each as defined in Section 3.2(a)) given by the Employee in respect thereof, such event or circumstance has been fully corrected and the Employee has been reasonably compensated for any losses or damages resulting therefrom; provided that such right of correction by the Company shall only apply to the first Notice of Termination for Good Reason given by the Employee: 1. any significant diminution in the Employee's duties, responsibilities or authority in effect immediately prior to the earliest to occur of (i) the Change in Control Date, (ii) the date of the execution by the Company of the initial written agreement or instrument providing for the Change in Control or (iii) the date of the adoption by the Board of a resolution providing for the Change in Control (with the earliest to occur of such dates referred to as the "Measurement Date");

2. a reduction in the Employee's annual base salary as in effect on the Measurement Date or as the same may be increased from time to time;

3. the failure by the Company to (i) continue in effect any material compensation or benefit plan or program (a "Benefit Plan") in which the Employee participates or which is applicable to the Employee immediately prior to the Measurement Date, unless an equitable arrangement (embodied in an ongoing substitute or alternative plan or reasonable cash compensation in lieu thereof) has been made with respect to such plan or program, (ii) continue the Employee's participation in a Benefit Plan (or in such substitute or alternative plan or make reasonable cash compensation in lieu thereof) on a basis not materially less favorable, both in terms of the amount of benefits provided and the level of the Employee's participation relative to other participants, than the basis existing immediately prior to the Measurement Date or (iii) award cash bonuses to the Employee in amounts and in a manner substantially consistent with past practice in light of the Company's financial performance;

4. a change by the Company in the location at which the Employee performs the Employee's principal duties for the Company to a new location that is either (i) outside a radius of 35 miles from the Employee's principal residence immediately prior to the Measurement Date; (ii) more than 30 miles from the location at which the Employee performs his or her principal duties for the Company immediately prior to the Measurement Date, and which results in an increase in the Employee's daily commuting distance; or (iii) a requirement by the Company that the Employee travel on Company business to a substantially greater extent than required immediately prior to the Measurement Date;

5. the failure of the Company to obtain the agreement, in a form reasonably satisfactory to the Employee, from any successor to the Company to assume and agree to perform this Agreement, as required by Section 6; or

6. any failure of the Company to pay or provide to the Employee any portion of the Employee's compensation or benefits due under any Benefit Plan within seven days of the date such compensation or benefits are due, or any material breach by the Company of any employment agreement with the Employee.

The Employee's right to terminate his or her employment for Good Reason shall not be affected by his or her incapacity due to physical or mental illness.

E. <u>"Disability"</u> means the Employee's absence from the full-time performance of the Employee's duties with the Company for 180 consecutive calendar days as a result of incapacity due to mental or physical illness which is determined to be total and permanent by a physician selected by the Company or its insurers and acceptable to the Employee or the Employee's legal representative.

F. "Effective Date" means the date as of which this Agreement is entered into.

II. <u>Term of Agreement</u>. This Agreement, and all rights and obligations of the parties hereunder, shall take effect upon the Effective Date and shall expire upon the first to occur of (a) the expiration of the Term (as defined below) if a Change in Control has not occurred during the Term, (b) the date 12 full calendar months after the Change in Control Date, if the Employee is still employed by the Company as of such later date, or (c) the fulfillment by the Company of all of its obligations under Sections 4 and 6 if the Employee's employment with the Company terminates within 12 full calendar months following the Change in Control Date, provided that Section 5 shall remain in effect from the Effective Date until 24 full calendar months after the Date of Termination of the Employee. "Term" shall mean the period commencing as of the Effective Date and continuing in effect through September 30, 2009; provided, however, that commencing on September 30, 2009 and each September 30 thereafter, the Term shall be automatically extended for one additional year unless, not later than 90 days prior to the scheduled expiration of the Term (or any extension thereof), the Company shall have given the Employee written notice that the Term will not be extended.

## III. Employment Status; Termination Following Change in Control.

A. <u>Not an Employment Contract</u>. The Employee acknowledges that this Agreement does not constitute a contract of employment or impose on the Company any obligation to retain the Employee as an employee and that this Agreement does not prevent the Employee from terminating employment at any time. If the Employee's employment with the Company terminates for any reason and subsequently a Change in Control shall occur, the Employee shall not be entitled to any benefits hereunder, except as otherwise provided pursuant to Section 1.2.

#### B. Termination of Employment.

1. If the Change in Control Date occurs during the Term, any termination of the Employee's employment by the Company or by the Employee within 12 full calendar months following the Change in Control Date (other than due to the death of the Employee) shall be communicated by a written notice to the other party hereto (the "Notice of Termination"), given in accordance with Section 7. Any Notice of Termination shall: (i) indicate the specific termination provision (if any) of this Agreement relied upon by the party giving such notice; (ii) to the extent applicable, set forth in reasonable detail the facts and circumstances claimed to provide a basis for termination for the Employee's employment under the provision so indicated and (iii) specify the Date of Termination") shall be (A) the close of business on the date specified in the Notice of Termination (which date may not be less than 14 days or more than 45 days after the date of delivery of such Notice of Termination), in the case of a termination other than due to the Employee's death, or (B) the date of the Employee's death in the case of a termination due to the Employee's death, as the case may be.

2. The failure by the Employee or the Company to set forth in the Notice of Termination any fact or circumstance which contributes to a showing of Good Reason or Cause shall not waive any right of the Employee or the Company, respectively, from asserting any such fact or circumstance in enforcing the Employee's or the Company's right hereunder.

3. Any Notice of Termination for Cause given by the Company must be given within 90 days of the occurrence of the event(s) or circumstance(s) which constitute(s) Cause. Prior to any Notice of Termination for Cause being given (and prior to any termination for Cause being effective), the Employee shall be entitled to a hearing before the Board at which he or she may, at his or her election, be represented by counsel and at which he or she shall have a reasonable opportunity to be heard. Such hearing shall be held on not less than 15 days prior written notice to the Employee stating the Board's intention to terminate the Employee for Cause and stating in detail the particular events event(s) or circumstance(s) which the Board believes constitutes Cause for termination.

4. Any Notice of Termination for Good Reason given by the Employee must be given within six months of the occurrence of the events or circumstances which constitutes Good Reason.

## IV. Benefits to Employee.

A. <u>Compensation</u>. If the Change in Control Date occurs during the Term and the Employee's employment with the Company terminates within 12 full calendar months following the Change in Control Date, the Employee shall be entitled to the following benefits:

1. Termination Without Cause or for Good Reason. If the Employee's employment

with the Company is terminated by the Company (other than for Cause, Disability or death) or by the Employee for Good Reason within 12 full calendar months following the Change in Control Date, then the Employee shall be entitled to the following benefits:

a. the Company shall pay to the Employee either in a lump sum in cash within 30 days after the Date of Termination, or, if the Employee so elects in writing within 15 days after the Date of Termination, in 24 bi-monthly installments, without interest, beginning on the date of the first normal employee payroll of the Company which occurs more than 30 days after the Date of Termination, the aggregate of the following amounts:

i. the sum of (A) the Employee's annual base salary for the current year through the Date of Termination and (B) the product of (x) the Employee's total on target semi-annual and annual bonuses for the current fiscal year (including any merit bonuses and any bonuses under the Company's 2008 Performance-Based Incentive Plan) (the "Target Bonus") and (y) a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of days in the current fiscal year through the Date of Termination, and the denominator of which is 365 less (C) the amount of any compensation previously paid for the current year, whether in quarterly bonus payments, or otherwise, (the sum of the amounts described in clauses (A) and (B), less the amount previously paid in (C), shall be referred to as the "Accrued Obligations"); and

ii. the sum of (A) the Employee's annual base salary as of the date immediately before the Date of Termination; and (B) the Employee's Target Bonus for the current fiscal year.

b. for 12 full calendar months after the Date of Termination, or such longer period as may be provided by the terms of the appropriate plan, program, practice or policy, the Company shall continue to provide benefits to the Employee (other than any benefits under the executive bonus plan, the Company 401(k) Savings Plan, the 2005 Long Term Retention Plan or the 2008 Performance-Based Incentive Plan) and the Employee's family at least equal to those which would have been provided to them if the Employee's employment had not been terminated, in accordance with the applicable Benefit Plans in effect on the Measurement Date or, if more favorable to the Employee and his or her family, in effect generally at any time thereafter with respect to other peer employees of the Company; <u>provided</u>, however, that if the Employee becomes reemployed with another employer and is eligible to receive comparable life, medical, dental, health, and accident or disability insurance benefits under another employer-provided plan, on terms at least as favorable to the Employee and his or her family, then the benefits described in this clause (ii) shall be reduced to the extent such other benefits are available to the Employee and his or her family;

c. to the extent not previously paid or provided, the Company shall timely pay or provide to the Employee any other amounts or benefits required to be paid or provided or which the Employee is eligible to receive following the Employee's termination of employment under any plan, program, policy, practice, contract or agreement of the Company (such other amounts and benefits shall be referred to as the "Other Benefits");

d. The Company shall pay the commercially reasonable fees of one executive outplacement firm's services provided to the Employee, such firm to be chosen by the Employee, not to exceed \$10,000.

e. Any outstanding stock options granted to the Employee pursuant to the Company's Amended and Restated 1993 Stock Incentive Plan or the Company's 2003 Stock Option Plan, and any outstanding stock options granted to the Employee after the Effective Date and prior to a Change in Control, shall immediately vest upon the Date of Termination.

f. Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement, (A) awards ("LTRP

Awards") that have been granted to the Employee under the Company's 2005 Long Term Retention Plan (the "LTRP") that have not been paid in accordance with the terms of the LTRP shall not be considered Accrued Obligations, Target Bonus or benefits to be provided in accordance with Benefit Plans for purposes of determining amounts to be paid under this Section 4.1(a) or Section 4.1(b) and (B) LTRP Awards are Other Benefits that will be paid or not paid, as the case may be, in accordance with the terms of the LTRP.

## 2. Resignation without Good Reason; Termination for Cause; Termination for

<u>Death or Disability</u>. If the Employee voluntarily terminates his or her employment with the Company within 12 full calendar months following the Change in Control Date, excluding a termination for Good Reason, or the Employee's employment with the Company is terminated by the Company for Cause, or by reason of the Employee's death or Disability within 12 full calendar months following the Change in Control Date, then the Company shall (i) pay the Employee (or his or her estate, if applicable), in a lump sum in cash within 15 days after the Date of Termination, the Accrued Obligations and (ii) timely pay or provide to the Employee the Other Benefits earned before the Date of Termination.

B. <u>Mitigation</u>. The Employee shall not be required to mitigate the amount of any payment or benefits provided for in this Section 4 by seeking other employment or otherwise. Further, except as provided in Section 4.1(a)(ii), the amount of any payment or benefits provided for in this Section 4 shall not be reduced by any compensation earned by the Employee as a result of employment by another employer, by retirement benefits, by disability or death benefits, by offset against any amount claimed to be owed by the Employee to the Company or otherwise.

C. <u>Limitation on Payments</u>. In the event that any of the severance benefits provided for in Section 4.1 of this Agreement (i) constitute "parachute payments" within the meaning of Section 280G of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and (ii) but for this Section 4.3, would be subject to the excise tax imposed by Section 4999 of the Code, then the Employee's severance benefits under Section 4.1 will be either:

#### (A) delivered in full, or

(B) delivered as to such lesser extent which would result in no portion of such severance benefits being subject to excise tax under Section 4999 of the Code,

whichever of the foregoing amounts, taking into account the applicable federal, state and local income taxes and the excise tax imposed by Section 4999 of the Code, results in the receipt by the Employee on an after-tax basis of the greatest amount of severance benefits, notwithstanding that all or some portion of such severance benefits may be taxable under Section 4999 of the Code. Unless the Company and the Employee otherwise agree in writing, any determination required under this Section 4.3 will be made in writing by the Company's independent public accountants immediately prior to the Change in Control Date (the "Accountants"), whose determination will be conclusive and binding upon the Employee and the Company for all purposes. For purposes of making the calculations required by this Section 4.3, the Accountants may make reasonable assumptions and approximations concerning applicable taxes and may rely on reasonable, good faith interpretations concerning the application of Sections 280G and 4999 of the Code. The Company and the Employee will furnish to the Accountants such information and documents as the Accountants may reasonably request in order to make a determination under this Section 4.3. The Company will bear all fees and costs payable to the Accountants in connection with any calculations contemplated by this Section 4.3.

#### V. Disputes.

A. <u>Settlement of Disputes; Arbitration</u>. All claims by the Employee for benefits under this Agreement shall be directed to and determined by the Board and shall be in writing. Any denial by the Board of a claim for benefits under this Agreement shall be delivered to the Employee in writing and shall set forth the specific reasons for the denial and the specific provisions of this Agreement relied upon. The Board shall afford a reasonable opportunity to the Employee for a review of the decision denying a claim. Any further dispute or controversy arising under or in connection with this Agreement shall be settled exclusively by arbitration in Orange County, California, in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association then in effect. Judgment may be entered on the arbitrator's award in any court having jurisdiction.

B. <u>Expenses</u>. The prevailing party shall be entitled to recover all costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, expert witness fees, court costs and all other costs and expenses incurred in any action or proceeding arising out of this Agreement or as to any matters related to but not covered by this Agreement. For purposes of this Section 5.2, the term "prevailing party" includes a party who agrees to dismiss an action or proceeding upon the other's payment of the sums allegedly due or for performance of the covenants, undertakings or agreements allegedly breached, or who obtains substantially the relief it sought.

## VI. Successors; Binding Agreement.

A. <u>Successors</u>. The Company shall require any successor (whether direct or indirect, by purchase, merger, consolidation or otherwise) to all or substantially all of the business or assets of the Company expressly to assume and agree to perform this Agreement to the same extent that the Company would be required to perform it if no such succession had taken place. Failure of the Company to obtain an assumption of this Agreement at or prior to the effectiveness of any succession shall be a breach of this Agreement and shall constitute Good Reason if the Employee elects to terminate employment (and such termination shall be deemed to have occurred after a Change in Control), except that for purposes of implementing the foregoing, the date on which any such succession becomes effective shall be deemed the Date of Termination. As used in this Agreement, "Company" shall mean the Company as defined above and any successor to its business or assets as aforesaid that assumes and agrees to perform this Agreement, by operation of law or otherwise.

B. <u>Binding Agreement</u>. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the Employee's personal or legal representatives, executors, administrators, successors, heirs, distributees, devisees and legatees. If the Employee should die while any amount would still be payable to the Employee or his or her family hereunder if the Employee had continued to live, all such amounts, unless otherwise provided herein, shall be paid in accordance with the terms of this Agreement to the executors, personal representatives or administrators of the Employee's estate.

VII. <u>Notice</u>. All notices, instructions and other communications given hereunder or in connection herewith shall be in writing. Any such notice, instruction or communication shall be sent either (i) by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, or (ii) prepaid via a reputable nationwide overnight courier service, in each case addressed to the Company at 951 Calle Amanecer, San Clemente, CA 92673, and to the Employee at the home address most recently provided by the Employee to the Company (or to such other address as either the Company or the Employee may have furnished to the other in writing in accordance herewith). Any such notice, instruction or communication shall be deemed to have been delivered, whether or not actually received, five business days after it is sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, or one business day after it is sent via a reputable nationwide overnight courier service. Either party may give any notice, instruction or other communication hereunder using any other means, but no such notice, instruction or other communication shall be deemed to have been duly delivered unless and until it is actually is received by the party for whom it is intended.

## VIII. Miscellaneous.

A. <u>Employment by Subsidiary</u>. For purposes of this Agreement, the Employee's employment with the Company shall not be deemed to have terminated solely as a result of the Employee continuing to be employed by a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company.

B. <u>Severability</u>. If any provision of this Agreement is declared invalid or unenforceable, such provision shall be deemed automatically adjusted to conform to the requirements for validity or enforceability as declared at such time while maintaining the original intent of the provision to the greatest extent possible and, as so adjusted, shall be deemed a provision of this Agreement as though originally included herein. If the provision invalidated or deemed unenforceable is of such a nature that it cannot be so adjusted, the provision shall be deleted from this Agreement as though it had never been included therein. The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this Agreement shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision of this Agreement, which shall remain in full force and effect.

C. <u>Injunctive Relief</u>. The Company and the Employee agree that any breach of this Agreement by the Company or the Employee is likely to cause the Employee or the Company substantial and irrevocable damage and therefore, in the event of any such breach, in addition to such other remedies which may be available, the Employee or the Company shall have the right to seek specific performance and injunctive relief.

D. <u>Governing Law</u>. The validity, interpretation, construction, enforceability and performance of this Agreement shall be governed by the internal law of the State of California.

E. <u>Waivers</u>. No waiver by the Employee at any time of any breach of, or compliance with, any provision of this Agreement to be performed by the Company shall be deemed a waiver of that or any other provision at any subsequent time.

F. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original but both of which together will constitute one and the same instrument.

G. <u>Tax Withholding</u>. Any payments provided for hereunder shall be paid net or any applicable tax withholding required under federal, state or local law.

H. Entire Agreement. Except as provided in the Employee's stock option agreements and employment agreement, this Agreement sets forth the entire agreement of the parties hereto in respect of the subject matter contained herein and supersedes all prior agreements, promises, covenants, arrangements, communications, representations or warranties, whether oral or written, by any officer, employee or representative of any party hereto; and any prior agreement of the parties hereto in respect of the subject matter contained herein is hereby terminated and cancelled. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall limit the Employee's or the Company's rights, obligations an benefits under the Employee's stock option agreement.

I. <u>Amendments</u>. The Employee and the Company may, by mutual agreement, amend or modify this Agreement, provided, however that any such amendment or modification shall only be effected by a written instrument executed by both the Company and the Employee.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as a sealed instrument as of the day and year first set forth above.

COMPANY:

ICU MEDICAL, INC.

By:/s/George A. Lopez, M.D.

Title: President and CEO

EMPLOYEE:

/s/ Richard A. Costello RICHARD A. COSTELLO This RETENTION AGREEMENT is entered into as of this 30th day of September, 2008, by and between ICU MEDICAL, INC., a Delaware corporation (the "Company") and Steven C. Riggs, a key employee of the Company (the

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## I. Key Definitions.

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As used herein, the following terms shall have the following respective meanings:

#### A. "Change in Control" means

1. the acquisition by an individual, entity or group (within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) or 14(d)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act")) (a "Person") of beneficial ownership of any capital stock of the Company if, after such acquisition, such Person beneficially owns (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act) 50% or more of either (i) the thenoutstanding shares of common stock of the Company (the "Outstanding Company Common Stock") or (ii) the combined voting power of the then-outstanding voting securities of the Company entitled to vote generally in the election of directors (the "Outstanding Company Voting Securities"); provided, however, that for purposes of this subsection 1.1(a), the following acquisitions shall not constitute a Change in Control: (i) any acquisition from the Company, (ii) any acquisition by the Company or any corporation controlled by the Company, or (iv) any acquisition by any corporation pursuant to a transaction which complies with all of clauses (i), (ii) and (iii) of subsection (c) of this Section 1.1; or

2. individuals who, as of the date hereof, constitute the members of the Board (the "Incumbent Directors") ceasing for any reason to constitute at least a majority of the Board; provided, however, that any individual becoming a director subsequent to the date hereof whose election or nomination for election by the Company's stockholders was approved by a vote of at least a majority of the Incumbent Directors then in office shall be deemed to be an Incumbent Director (except that this proviso shall not apply to any individual whose initial election as a director occurs as a result of an actual or threatened election contest with respect to the election or removal of directors or other actual or threatened solicitation of proxies or consents by or on behalf of a Person other than the Board); or

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Company or a sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company (a "Business Combination"), unless, immediately following such Business Combination, each of the following three conditions is satisfied: (i) all or substantially all of the individuals and entities who were the beneficial owners of the Outstanding Company Common Stock and Outstanding Company Voting Securities immediately prior to such Business Combination beneficially own, directly or indirectly, more than 50% of the then-outstanding shares of common stock and the combined voting power of the then-outstanding voting securities entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, respectively, of the resulting or acquiring corporation in such Business Combination (which shall include, without limitation, a corporation which as a result of such transaction owns the Company or substantially all of the Company's assets either directly or through one or more subsidiaries)(such resulting or acquiring corporation is referred to as the "Acquiring Corporation") in substantially the same proportions, relative to one another, as their ownership, immediately prior to such Business Combination, of the Outstanding Company Common Stock and Outstanding Company Voting Securities, respectively, (ii) no Person (excluding the Acquiring Corporation or any employee benefit plan (or related trust) maintained or sponsored by the Company or the Acquiring Corporation) beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, 50% or more of the then-outstanding shares of common stock of the Acquiring Corporation, or of the combined voting power of the then-outstanding voting securities of such corporation (except to the extent that such ownership existed prior to the Business Combination) and (iii) a majority of the members of the board of directors of the Acquiring Corporation were Incumbent Directors at the time of the execution of the initial agreement, or of the action of the Board, providing for such Business Combination; or

dissolution of the Company.

B. <u>"Change in Control Date"</u> means the first date during the Term (as defined in Section 2) on which a Change in Control occurs. Anything in this Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding, if a Change in Control occurs and if the Employee's employment with the Company is terminated prior to the Change in Control Date or if any event which constitutes Good Reason (as defined in Section 1.4) occurs prior to the Change in Control Date, and if it is reasonably demonstrated by the Employee that such termination of employment or event which constitutes Good Reason (i) was at the request of a third party who has taken steps reasonably calculated to effect a Change in Control or (ii) otherwise arose in connection with or in anticipation of a Change in Control, then for all purposes of this Agreement the "Change in Control Date" shall mean the date immediately prior to the date of such termination of employment or event which constitutes Good Reason.

#### C. "Cause" means:

1. the Employee's intentional, willful and continuous failure to substantially perform his or her reasonable assigned duties (other than any such failure resulting from incapacity due to physical or mental illness or any failure after the Employee gives notice of termination for Good Reason), which failure is materially and demonstrably injurious to the Company, and which failure is not cured within 30 days after a written demand for substantial performance is received by the Employee from the Board which specifically identifies the manner in which the Board believes the Employee has not substantially performed the Employee's duties; or

2. the Employee's intentional and willful engagement in illegal conduct or gross misconduct which is materially and demonstrably injurious to the Company or is intended to result in substantial personal enrichment; or

3. the Employee's conviction for a felony or the Employee's plea of *nolo contendere* in connection with a felony indictment.

For purposes of this Section 1.3, no act or failure to act by the Employee shall be considered "willful" unless it is done, or omitted to be done, in bad faith and without reasonable belief that the Employee's action or omission was in the best interests of the Company.

D. <u>"Good Reason"</u> means the occurrence, without the Employee's written consent, or any of the events or circumstances set forth in clauses (a) through (f) below. Notwithstanding the occurrence of any such event or circumstance, such occurrence shall not be deemed to constitute Good Reason if, prior to the Date of Termination specified in the Notice of Termination (each as defined in Section 3.2(a)) given by the Employee in respect thereof, such event or circumstance has been fully corrected and the Employee has been reasonably compensated for any losses or damages resulting therefrom; provided that such right of correction by the Company shall only apply to the first Notice of Termination for Good Reason given by the Employee: 1. any significant diminution in the Employee's duties, responsibilities or authority in effect immediately prior to the earliest to occur of (i) the Change in Control Date, (ii) the date of the execution by the Company of the initial written agreement or instrument providing for the Change in Control or (iii) the date of the adoption by the Board of a resolution providing for the Change in Control (with the earliest to occur of such dates referred to as the "Measurement Date");

2. a reduction in the Employee's annual base salary as in effect on the Measurement Date or as the same may be increased from time to time;

3. the failure by the Company to (i) continue in effect any material compensation or benefit plan or program (a "Benefit Plan") in which the Employee participates or which is applicable to the Employee immediately prior to the Measurement Date, unless an equitable arrangement (embodied in an ongoing substitute or alternative plan or reasonable cash compensation in lieu thereof) has been made with respect to such plan or program, (ii) continue the Employee's participation in a Benefit Plan (or in such substitute or alternative plan or make reasonable cash compensation in lieu thereof) on a basis not materially less favorable, both in terms of the amount of benefits provided and the level of the Employee's participation relative to other participants, than the basis existing immediately prior to the Measurement Date or (iii) award cash bonuses to the Employee in amounts and in a manner substantially consistent with past practice in light of the Company's financial performance;

4. a change by the Company in the location at which the Employee performs the Employee's principal duties for the Company to a new location that is either (i) outside a radius of 35 miles from the Employee's principal residence immediately prior to the Measurement Date; (ii) more than 30 miles from the location at which the Employee performs his or her principal duties for the Company immediately prior to the Measurement Date, and which results in an increase in the Employee's daily commuting distance; or (iii) a requirement by the Company that the Employee travel on Company business to a substantially greater extent than required immediately prior to the Measurement Date;

5. the failure of the Company to obtain the agreement, in a form reasonably satisfactory to the Employee, from any successor to the Company to assume and agree to perform this Agreement, as required by Section 6; or

6. any failure of the Company to pay or provide to the Employee any portion of the Employee's compensation or benefits due under any Benefit Plan within seven days of the date such compensation or benefits are due, or any material breach by the Company of any employment agreement with the Employee.

The Employee's right to terminate his or her employment for Good Reason shall not be affected by his or her incapacity due to physical or mental illness.

E. <u>"Disability"</u> means the Employee's absence from the full-time performance of the Employee's duties with the Company for 180 consecutive calendar days as a result of incapacity due to mental or physical illness which is determined to be total and permanent by a physician selected by the Company or its insurers and acceptable to the Employee or the Employee's legal representative.

F. "Effective Date" means the date as of which this Agreement is entered into.

II. <u>Term of Agreement</u>. This Agreement, and all rights and obligations of the parties hereunder, shall take effect upon the Effective Date and shall expire upon the first to occur of (a) the expiration of the Term (as defined below) if a Change in Control has not occurred during the Term, (b) the date 12 full calendar months after the Change in Control Date, if the Employee is still employed by the Company as of such later date, or (c) the fulfillment by the Company of all of its obligations under Sections 4 and 6 if the Employee's employment with the Company terminates within 12 full calendar months following the Change in Control Date, provided that Section 5 shall remain in effect from the Effective Date until 24 full calendar months after the Date of Termination of the Employee. "Term" shall mean the period commencing as of the Effective Date and continuing in effect through September 30, 2009; provided, however, that commencing on September 30, 2009 and each September 30 thereafter, the Term shall be automatically extended for one additional year unless, not later than 90 days prior to the scheduled expiration of the Term (or any extension thereof), the Company shall have given the Employee written notice that the Term will not be extended.

## III. Employment Status; Termination Following Change in Control.

A. <u>Not an Employment Contract</u>. The Employee acknowledges that this Agreement does not constitute a contract of employment or impose on the Company any obligation to retain the Employee as an employee and that this Agreement does not prevent the Employee from terminating employment at any time. If the Employee's employment with the Company terminates for any reason and subsequently a Change in Control shall occur, the Employee shall not be entitled to any benefits hereunder, except as otherwise provided pursuant to Section 1.2.

#### B. Termination of Employment.

1. If the Change in Control Date occurs during the Term, any termination of the Employee's employment by the Company or by the Employee within 12 full calendar months following the Change in Control Date (other than due to the death of the Employee) shall be communicated by a written notice to the other party hereto (the "Notice of Termination"), given in accordance with Section 7. Any Notice of Termination shall: (i) indicate the specific termination provision (if any) of this Agreement relied upon by the party giving such notice; (ii) to the extent applicable, set forth in reasonable detail the facts and circumstances claimed to provide a basis for termination for the Employee's employment under the provision so indicated and (iii) specify the Date of Termination") shall be (A) the close of business on the date specified in the Notice of Termination (which date may not be less than 14 days or more than 45 days after the date of delivery of such Notice of Termination), in the case of a termination other than due to the Employee's death, or (B) the date of the Employee's death in the case of a termination due to the Employee's death, as the case may be.

2. The failure by the Employee or the Company to set forth in the Notice of Termination any fact or circumstance which contributes to a showing of Good Reason or Cause shall not waive any right of the Employee or the Company, respectively, from asserting any such fact or circumstance in enforcing the Employee's or the Company's right hereunder.

3. Any Notice of Termination for Cause given by the Company must be given within 90 days of the occurrence of the event(s) or circumstance(s) which constitute(s) Cause. Prior to any Notice of Termination for Cause being given (and prior to any termination for Cause being effective), the Employee shall be entitled to a hearing before the Board at which he or she may, at his or her election, be represented by counsel and at which he or she shall have a reasonable opportunity to be heard. Such hearing shall be held on not less than 15 days prior written notice to the Employee stating the Board's intention to terminate the Employee for Cause and stating in detail the particular events event(s) or circumstance(s) which the Board believes constitutes Cause for termination.

4. Any Notice of Termination for Good Reason given by the Employee must be given within six months of the occurrence of the events or circumstances which constitutes Good Reason.

## IV. Benefits to Employee.

A. <u>Compensation</u>. If the Change in Control Date occurs during the Term and the Employee's employment with the Company terminates within 12 full calendar months following the Change in Control Date, the Employee shall be entitled to the following benefits:

1. Termination Without Cause or for Good Reason. If the Employee's employment

with the Company is terminated by the Company (other than for Cause, Disability or death) or by the Employee for Good Reason within 12 full calendar months following the Change in Control Date, then the Employee shall be entitled to the following benefits:

a. the Company shall pay to the Employee either in a lump sum in cash within 30 days after the Date of Termination, or, if the Employee so elects in writing within 15 days after the Date of Termination, in 24 bi-monthly installments, without interest, beginning on the date of the first normal employee payroll of the Company which occurs more than 30 days after the Date of Termination, the aggregate of the following amounts:

i. the sum of (A) the Employee's annual base salary for the current year through the Date of Termination and (B) the product of (x) the Employee's total on target semi-annual and annual bonuses for the current fiscal year (including any merit bonuses and any bonuses under the Company's 2008 Performance-Based Incentive Plan) (the "Target Bonus") and (y) a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of days in the current fiscal year through the Date of Termination, and the denominator of which is 365 less (C) the amount of any compensation previously paid for the current year, whether in quarterly bonus payments, or otherwise, (the sum of the amounts described in clauses (A) and (B), less the amount previously paid in (C), shall be referred to as the "Accrued Obligations"); and

ii. the sum of (A) the Employee's annual base salary as of the date immediately before the Date of Termination; and (B) the Employee's Target Bonus for the current fiscal year.

b. for 12 full calendar months after the Date of Termination, or such longer period as may be provided by the terms of the appropriate plan, program, practice or policy, the Company shall continue to provide benefits to the Employee (other than any benefits under the executive bonus plan, the Company 401(k) Savings Plan, the 2005 Long Term Retention Plan or the 2008 Performance-Based Incentive Plan) and the Employee's family at least equal to those which would have been provided to them if the Employee's employment had not been terminated, in accordance with the applicable Benefit Plans in effect on the Measurement Date or, if more favorable to the Employee and his or her family, in effect generally at any time thereafter with respect to other peer employees of the Company; <u>provided</u>, however, that if the Employee becomes reemployed with another employer and is eligible to receive comparable life, medical, dental, health, and accident or disability insurance benefits under another employer-provided plan, on terms at least as favorable to the Employee and his or her family, then the benefits described in this clause (ii) shall be reduced to the extent such other benefits are available to the Employee and his or her family;

c. to the extent not previously paid or provided, the Company shall timely pay or provide to the Employee any other amounts or benefits required to be paid or provided or which the Employee is eligible to receive following the Employee's termination of employment under any plan, program, policy, practice, contract or agreement of the Company (such other amounts and benefits shall be referred to as the "Other Benefits");

d. The Company shall pay the commercially reasonable fees of one executive outplacement firm's services provided to the Employee, such firm to be chosen by the Employee, not to exceed \$10,000.

e. Any outstanding stock options granted to the Employee pursuant to the Company's Amended and Restated 1993 Stock Incentive Plan or the Company's 2003 Stock Option Plan, and any outstanding stock options granted to the Employee after the Effective Date and prior to a Change in Control, shall immediately vest upon the Date of Termination.

f. Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement, (A) awards ("LTRP

Awards") that have been granted to the Employee under the Company's 2005 Long Term Retention Plan (the "LTRP") that have not been paid in accordance with the terms of the LTRP shall not be considered Accrued Obligations, Target Bonus or benefits to be provided in accordance with Benefit Plans for purposes of determining amounts to be paid under this Section 4.1(a) or Section 4.1(b) and (B) LTRP Awards are Other Benefits that will be paid or not paid, as the case may be, in accordance with the terms of the LTRP.

## 2. Resignation without Good Reason; Termination for Cause; Termination for

<u>Death or Disability</u>. If the Employee voluntarily terminates his or her employment with the Company within 12 full calendar months following the Change in Control Date, excluding a termination for Good Reason, or the Employee's employment with the Company is terminated by the Company for Cause, or by reason of the Employee's death or Disability within 12 full calendar months following the Change in Control Date, then the Company shall (i) pay the Employee (or his or her estate, if applicable), in a lump sum in cash within 15 days after the Date of Termination, the Accrued Obligations and (ii) timely pay or provide to the Employee the Other Benefits earned before the Date of Termination.

B. <u>Mitigation</u>. The Employee shall not be required to mitigate the amount of any payment or benefits provided for in this Section 4 by seeking other employment or otherwise. Further, except as provided in Section 4.1(a)(ii), the amount of any payment or benefits provided for in this Section 4 shall not be reduced by any compensation earned by the Employee as a result of employment by another employer, by retirement benefits, by disability or death benefits, by offset against any amount claimed to be owed by the Employee to the Company or otherwise.

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#### (A) delivered in full, or

(B) delivered as to such lesser extent which would result in no portion of such severance benefits being subject to excise tax under Section 4999 of the Code,

whichever of the foregoing amounts, taking into account the applicable federal, state and local income taxes and the excise tax imposed by Section 4999 of the Code, results in the receipt by the Employee on an after-tax basis of the greatest amount of severance benefits, notwithstanding that all or some portion of such severance benefits may be taxable under Section 4999 of the Code. Unless the Company and the Employee otherwise agree in writing, any determination required under this Section 4.3 will be made in writing by the Company's independent public accountants immediately prior to the Change in Control Date (the "Accountants"), whose determination will be conclusive and binding upon the Employee and the Company for all purposes. For purposes of making the calculations required by this Section 4.3, the Accountants may make reasonable assumptions and approximations concerning applicable taxes and may rely on reasonable, good faith interpretations concerning the application of Sections 280G and 4999 of the Code. The Company and the Employee will furnish to the Accountants such information and documents as the Accountants may reasonably request in order to make a determination under this Section 4.3. The Company will bear all fees and costs payable to the Accountants in connection with any calculations contemplated by this Section 4.3.

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A. <u>Successors</u>. The Company shall require any successor (whether direct or indirect, by purchase, merger, consolidation or otherwise) to all or substantially all of the business or assets of the Company expressly to assume and agree to perform this Agreement to the same extent that the Company would be required to perform it if no such succession had taken place. Failure of the Company to obtain an assumption of this Agreement at or prior to the effectiveness of any succession shall be a breach of this Agreement and shall constitute Good Reason if the Employee elects to terminate employment (and such termination shall be deemed to have occurred after a Change in Control), except that for purposes of implementing the foregoing, the date on which any such succession becomes effective shall be deemed the Date of Termination. As used in this Agreement, "Company" shall mean the Company as defined above and any successor to its business or assets as aforesaid that assumes and agrees to perform this Agreement, by operation of law or otherwise.

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VII. <u>Notice</u>. All notices, instructions and other communications given hereunder or in connection herewith shall be in writing. Any such notice, instruction or communication shall be sent either (i) by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, or (ii) prepaid via a reputable nationwide overnight courier service, in each case addressed to the Company at 951 Calle Amanecer, San Clemente, CA 92673, and to the Employee at the home address most recently provided by the Employee to the Company (or to such other address as either the Company or the Employee may have furnished to the other in writing in accordance herewith). Any such notice, instruction or communication shall be deemed to have been delivered, whether or not actually received, five business days after it is sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, or one business day after it is sent via a reputable nationwide overnight courier service. Either party may give any notice, instruction or other communication hereunder using any other means, but no such notice, instruction or other communication shall be deemed to have been duly delivered unless and until it is actually is received by the party for whom it is intended.

## VIII. Miscellaneous.

A. <u>Employment by Subsidiary</u>. For purposes of this Agreement, the Employee's employment with the Company shall not be deemed to have terminated solely as a result of the Employee continuing to be employed by a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company.

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[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as a sealed instrument as of the day and year first set forth above.

COMPANY:

ICU MEDICAL, INC.

By:/s/George A. Lopez, M.D.

Title: President and CEO

EMPLOYEE:

Steven C. Riggs

STEVEN C. RIGGS

Exhibit 10.3

This RETENTION AGREEMENT is entered into as of this 30th day of September, 2008, by and between ICU MEDICAL, INC., a Delaware corporation (the "Company") and Scott E. Lamb, a key employee of the Company (the "Employee").

## RECITALS

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2. individuals who, as of the date hereof, constitute the members of the Board (the "Incumbent Directors") ceasing for any reason to constitute at least a majority of the Board; provided, however, that any individual becoming a director subsequent to the date hereof whose election or nomination for election by the Company's stockholders was approved by a vote of at least a majority of the Incumbent Directors then in office shall be deemed to be an Incumbent Director (except that this proviso shall not apply to any individual whose initial election as a director occurs as a result of an actual or threatened election contest with respect to the election or removal of directors or other actual or threatened solicitation of proxies or consents by or on behalf of a Person other than the Board); or

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2. the Employee's intentional and willful engagement in illegal conduct or gross misconduct which is materially and demonstrably injurious to the Company or is intended to result in substantial personal enrichment; or

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For purposes of this Section 1.3, no act or failure to act by the Employee shall be considered "willful" unless it is done, or omitted to be done, in bad faith and without reasonable belief that the Employee's action or omission was in the best interests of the Company.

D. <u>"Good Reason"</u> means the occurrence, without the Employee's written consent, or any of the events or circumstances set forth in clauses (a) through (f) below. Notwithstanding the occurrence of any such event or circumstance, such occurrence shall not be deemed to constitute Good Reason if, prior to the Date of Termination specified in the Notice of Termination (each as defined in Section 3.2(a)) given by the Employee in respect thereof, such event or circumstance has been fully corrected and the Employee has been reasonably compensated for any losses or damages resulting therefrom; provided that such right of correction by the Company shall only apply to the first Notice of Termination for Good Reason given by the Employee: 1. any significant diminution in the Employee's duties, responsibilities or authority in effect immediately prior to the earliest to occur of (i) the Change in Control Date, (ii) the date of the execution by the Company of the initial written agreement or instrument providing for the Change in Control or (iii) the date of the adoption by the Board of a resolution providing for the Change in Control (with the earliest to occur of such dates referred to as the "Measurement Date");

2. a reduction in the Employee's annual base salary as in effect on the Measurement Date or as the same may be increased from time to time;

3. the failure by the Company to (i) continue in effect any material compensation or benefit plan or program (a "Benefit Plan") in which the Employee participates or which is applicable to the Employee immediately prior to the Measurement Date, unless an equitable arrangement (embodied in an ongoing substitute or alternative plan or reasonable cash compensation in lieu thereof) has been made with respect to such plan or program, (ii) continue the Employee's participation in a Benefit Plan (or in such substitute or alternative plan or make reasonable cash compensation in lieu thereof) on a basis not materially less favorable, both in terms of the amount of benefits provided and the level of the Employee's participation relative to other participants, than the basis existing immediately prior to the Measurement Date or (iii) award cash bonuses to the Employee in amounts and in a manner substantially consistent with past practice in light of the Company's financial performance;

4. a change by the Company in the location at which the Employee performs the Employee's principal duties for the Company to a new location that is either (i) outside a radius of 35 miles from the Employee's principal residence immediately prior to the Measurement Date; (ii) more than 30 miles from the location at which the Employee performs his or her principal duties for the Company immediately prior to the Measurement Date, and which results in an increase in the Employee's daily commuting distance; or (iii) a requirement by the Company that the Employee travel on Company business to a substantially greater extent than required immediately prior to the Measurement Date;

5. the failure of the Company to obtain the agreement, in a form reasonably satisfactory to the Employee, from any successor to the Company to assume and agree to perform this Agreement, as required by Section 6; or

6. any failure of the Company to pay or provide to the Employee any portion of the Employee's compensation or benefits due under any Benefit Plan within seven days of the date such compensation or benefits are due, or any material breach by the Company of any employment agreement with the Employee.

The Employee's right to terminate his or her employment for Good Reason shall not be affected by his or her incapacity due to physical or mental illness.

E. <u>"Disability"</u> means the Employee's absence from the full-time performance of the Employee's duties with the Company for 180 consecutive calendar days as a result of incapacity due to mental or physical illness which is determined to be total and permanent by a physician selected by the Company or its insurers and acceptable to the Employee or the Employee's legal representative.

F. "Effective Date" means the date as of which this Agreement is entered into.

II. <u>Term of Agreement</u>. This Agreement, and all rights and obligations of the parties hereunder, shall take effect upon the Effective Date and shall expire upon the first to occur of (a) the expiration of the Term (as defined below) if a Change in Control has not occurred during the Term, (b) the date 12 full calendar months after the Change in Control Date, if the Employee is still employed by the Company as of such later date, or (c) the fulfillment by the Company of all of its obligations under Sections 4 and 6 if the Employee's employment with the Company terminates within 12 full calendar months following the Change in Control Date, provided that Section 5 shall remain in effect from the Effective Date until 24 full calendar months after the Date of Termination of the Employee. "Term" shall mean the period commencing as of the Effective Date and continuing in effect through September 30, 2009; provided, however, that commencing on September 30, 2009 and each September 30 thereafter, the Term shall be automatically extended for one additional year unless, not later than 90 days prior to the scheduled expiration of the Term (or any extension thereof), the Company shall have given the Employee written notice that the Term will not be extended.

## III. Employment Status; Termination Following Change in Control.

A. <u>Not an Employment Contract</u>. The Employee acknowledges that this Agreement does not constitute a contract of employment or impose on the Company any obligation to retain the Employee as an employee and that this Agreement does not prevent the Employee from terminating employment at any time. If the Employee's employment with the Company terminates for any reason and subsequently a Change in Control shall occur, the Employee shall not be entitled to any benefits hereunder, except as otherwise provided pursuant to Section 1.2.

#### B. Termination of Employment.

1. If the Change in Control Date occurs during the Term, any termination of the Employee's employment by the Company or by the Employee within 12 full calendar months following the Change in Control Date (other than due to the death of the Employee) shall be communicated by a written notice to the other party hereto (the "Notice of Termination"), given in accordance with Section 7. Any Notice of Termination shall: (i) indicate the specific termination provision (if any) of this Agreement relied upon by the party giving such notice; (ii) to the extent applicable, set forth in reasonable detail the facts and circumstances claimed to provide a basis for termination for the Employee's employment under the provision so indicated and (iii) specify the Date of Termination") shall be (A) the close of business on the date specified in the Notice of Termination (which date may not be less than 14 days or more than 45 days after the date of delivery of such Notice of Termination), in the case of a termination other than due to the Employee's death, or (B) the date of the Employee's death in the case of a termination due to the Employee's death, as the case may be.

2. The failure by the Employee or the Company to set forth in the Notice of Termination any fact or circumstance which contributes to a showing of Good Reason or Cause shall not waive any right of the Employee or the Company, respectively, from asserting any such fact or circumstance in enforcing the Employee's or the Company's right hereunder.

3. Any Notice of Termination for Cause given by the Company must be given within 90 days of the occurrence of the event(s) or circumstance(s) which constitute(s) Cause. Prior to any Notice of Termination for Cause being given (and prior to any termination for Cause being effective), the Employee shall be entitled to a hearing before the Board at which he or she may, at his or her election, be represented by counsel and at which he or she shall have a reasonable opportunity to be heard. Such hearing shall be held on not less than 15 days prior written notice to the Employee stating the Board's intention to terminate the Employee for Cause and stating in detail the particular events event(s) or circumstance(s) which the Board believes constitutes Cause for termination.

4. Any Notice of Termination for Good Reason given by the Employee must be given within six months of the occurrence of the events or circumstances which constitutes Good Reason.

## IV. Benefits to Employee.

A. <u>Compensation</u>. If the Change in Control Date occurs during the Term and the Employee's employment with the Company terminates within 12 full calendar months following the Change in Control Date, the Employee shall be entitled to the following benefits:

1. Termination Without Cause or for Good Reason. If the Employee's employment

with the Company is terminated by the Company (other than for Cause, Disability or death) or by the Employee for Good Reason within 12 full calendar months following the Change in Control Date, then the Employee shall be entitled to the following benefits:

a. the Company shall pay to the Employee either in a lump sum in cash within 30 days after the Date of Termination, or, if the Employee so elects in writing within 15 days after the Date of Termination, in 24 bi-monthly installments, without interest, beginning on the date of the first normal employee payroll of the Company which occurs more than 30 days after the Date of Termination, the aggregate of the following amounts:

i. the sum of (A) the Employee's annual base salary for the current year through the Date of Termination and (B) the product of (x) the Employee's total on target semi-annual and annual bonuses for the current fiscal year (including any merit bonuses and any bonuses under the Company's 2008 Performance-Based Incentive Plan) (the "Target Bonus") and (y) a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of days in the current fiscal year through the Date of Termination, and the denominator of which is 365 less (C) the amount of any compensation previously paid for the current year, whether in quarterly bonus payments, or otherwise, (the sum of the amounts described in clauses (A) and (B), less the amount previously paid in (C), shall be referred to as the "Accrued Obligations"); and

ii. the sum of (A) the Employee's annual base salary as of the date immediately before the Date of Termination; and (B) the Employee's Target Bonus for the current fiscal year.

b. for 12 full calendar months after the Date of Termination, or such longer period as may be provided by the terms of the appropriate plan, program, practice or policy, the Company shall continue to provide benefits to the Employee (other than any benefits under the executive bonus plan, the Company 401(k) Savings Plan, the 2005 Long Term Retention Plan or the 2008 Performance-Based Incentive Plan) and the Employee's family at least equal to those which would have been provided to them if the Employee's employment had not been terminated, in accordance with the applicable Benefit Plans in effect on the Measurement Date or, if more favorable to the Employee and his or her family, in effect generally at any time thereafter with respect to other peer employees of the Company; <u>provided</u>, however, that if the Employee becomes reemployed with another employer and is eligible to receive comparable life, medical, dental, health, and accident or disability insurance benefits under another employer-provided plan, on terms at least as favorable to the Employee and his or her family, then the benefits described in this clause (ii) shall be reduced to the extent such other benefits are available to the Employee and his or her family;

c. to the extent not previously paid or provided, the Company shall timely pay or provide to the Employee any other amounts or benefits required to be paid or provided or which the Employee is eligible to receive following the Employee's termination of employment under any plan, program, policy, practice, contract or agreement of the Company (such other amounts and benefits shall be referred to as the "Other Benefits");

d. The Company shall pay the commercially reasonable fees of one executive outplacement firm's services provided to the Employee, such firm to be chosen by the Employee, not to exceed \$10,000.

e. Any outstanding stock options granted to the Employee pursuant to the Company's Amended and Restated 1993 Stock Incentive Plan or the Company's 2003 Stock Option Plan, and any outstanding stock options granted to the Employee after the Effective Date and prior to a Change in Control, shall immediately vest upon the Date of Termination.

f. Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement, (A) awards ("LTRP

Awards") that have been granted to the Employee under the Company's 2005 Long Term Retention Plan (the "LTRP") that have not been paid in accordance with the terms of the LTRP shall not be considered Accrued Obligations, Target Bonus or benefits to be provided in accordance with Benefit Plans for purposes of determining amounts to be paid under this Section 4.1(a) or Section 4.1(b) and (B) LTRP Awards are Other Benefits that will be paid or not paid, as the case may be, in accordance with the terms of the LTRP.

## 2. Resignation without Good Reason; Termination for Cause; Termination for

<u>Death or Disability</u>. If the Employee voluntarily terminates his or her employment with the Company within 12 full calendar months following the Change in Control Date, excluding a termination for Good Reason, or the Employee's employment with the Company is terminated by the Company for Cause, or by reason of the Employee's death or Disability within 12 full calendar months following the Change in Control Date, then the Company shall (i) pay the Employee (or his or her estate, if applicable), in a lump sum in cash within 15 days after the Date of Termination, the Accrued Obligations and (ii) timely pay or provide to the Employee the Other Benefits earned before the Date of Termination.

B. <u>Mitigation</u>. The Employee shall not be required to mitigate the amount of any payment or benefits provided for in this Section 4 by seeking other employment or otherwise. Further, except as provided in Section 4.1(a)(ii), the amount of any payment or benefits provided for in this Section 4 shall not be reduced by any compensation earned by the Employee as a result of employment by another employer, by retirement benefits, by disability or death benefits, by offset against any amount claimed to be owed by the Employee to the Company or otherwise.

C. <u>Limitation on Payments</u>. In the event that any of the severance benefits provided for in Section 4.1 of this Agreement (i) constitute "parachute payments" within the meaning of Section 280G of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and (ii) but for this Section 4.3, would be subject to the excise tax imposed by Section 4999 of the Code, then the Employee's severance benefits under Section 4.1 will be either:

#### (A) delivered in full, or

(B) delivered as to such lesser extent which would result in no portion of such severance benefits being subject to excise tax under Section 4999 of the Code,

whichever of the foregoing amounts, taking into account the applicable federal, state and local income taxes and the excise tax imposed by Section 4999 of the Code, results in the receipt by the Employee on an after-tax basis of the greatest amount of severance benefits, notwithstanding that all or some portion of such severance benefits may be taxable under Section 4999 of the Code. Unless the Company and the Employee otherwise agree in writing, any determination required under this Section 4.3 will be made in writing by the Company's independent public accountants immediately prior to the Change in Control Date (the "Accountants"), whose determination will be conclusive and binding upon the Employee and the Company for all purposes. For purposes of making the calculations required by this Section 4.3, the Accountants may make reasonable assumptions and approximations concerning applicable taxes and may rely on reasonable, good faith interpretations concerning the application of Sections 280G and 4999 of the Code. The Company and the Employee will furnish to the Accountants such information and documents as the Accountants may reasonably request in order to make a determination under this Section 4.3. The Company will bear all fees and costs payable to the Accountants in connection with any calculations contemplated by this Section 4.3.

#### V. Disputes.

A. <u>Settlement of Disputes; Arbitration</u>. All claims by the Employee for benefits under this Agreement shall be directed to and determined by the Board and shall be in writing. Any denial by the Board of a claim for benefits under this Agreement shall be delivered to the Employee in writing and shall set forth the specific reasons for the denial and the specific provisions of this Agreement relied upon. The Board shall afford a reasonable opportunity to the Employee for a review of the decision denying a claim. Any further dispute or controversy arising under or in connection with this Agreement shall be settled exclusively by arbitration in Orange County, California, in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association then in effect. Judgment may be entered on the arbitrator's award in any court having jurisdiction.

B. <u>Expenses</u>. The prevailing party shall be entitled to recover all costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, expert witness fees, court costs and all other costs and expenses incurred in any action or proceeding arising out of this Agreement or as to any matters related to but not covered by this Agreement. For purposes of this Section 5.2, the term "prevailing party" includes a party who agrees to dismiss an action or proceeding upon the other's payment of the sums allegedly due or for performance of the covenants, undertakings or agreements allegedly breached, or who obtains substantially the relief it sought.

## VI. Successors; Binding Agreement.

A. <u>Successors</u>. The Company shall require any successor (whether direct or indirect, by purchase, merger, consolidation or otherwise) to all or substantially all of the business or assets of the Company expressly to assume and agree to perform this Agreement to the same extent that the Company would be required to perform it if no such succession had taken place. Failure of the Company to obtain an assumption of this Agreement at or prior to the effectiveness of any succession shall be a breach of this Agreement and shall constitute Good Reason if the Employee elects to terminate employment (and such termination shall be deemed to have occurred after a Change in Control), except that for purposes of implementing the foregoing, the date on which any such succession becomes effective shall be deemed the Date of Termination. As used in this Agreement, "Company" shall mean the Company as defined above and any successor to its business or assets as aforesaid that assumes and agrees to perform this Agreement, by operation of law or otherwise.

B. <u>Binding Agreement</u>. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the Employee's personal or legal representatives, executors, administrators, successors, heirs, distributees, devisees and legatees. If the Employee should die while any amount would still be payable to the Employee or his or her family hereunder if the Employee had continued to live, all such amounts, unless otherwise provided herein, shall be paid in accordance with the terms of this Agreement to the executors, personal representatives or administrators of the Employee's estate.

VII. <u>Notice</u>. All notices, instructions and other communications given hereunder or in connection herewith shall be in writing. Any such notice, instruction or communication shall be sent either (i) by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, or (ii) prepaid via a reputable nationwide overnight courier service, in each case addressed to the Company at 951 Calle Amanecer, San Clemente, CA 92673, and to the Employee at the home address most recently provided by the Employee to the Company (or to such other address as either the Company or the Employee may have furnished to the other in writing in accordance herewith). Any such notice, instruction or communication shall be deemed to have been delivered, whether or not actually received, five business days after it is sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, or one business day after it is sent via a reputable nationwide overnight courier service. Either party may give any notice, instruction or other communication hereunder using any other means, but no such notice, instruction or other communication shall be deemed to have been duly delivered unless and until it is actually is received by the party for whom it is intended.

## VIII. Miscellaneous.

A. <u>Employment by Subsidiary</u>. For purposes of this Agreement, the Employee's employment with the Company shall not be deemed to have terminated solely as a result of the Employee continuing to be employed by a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company.

B. <u>Severability</u>. If any provision of this Agreement is declared invalid or unenforceable, such provision shall be deemed automatically adjusted to conform to the requirements for validity or enforceability as declared at such time while maintaining the original intent of the provision to the greatest extent possible and, as so adjusted, shall be deemed a provision of this Agreement as though originally included herein. If the provision invalidated or deemed unenforceable is of such a nature that it cannot be so adjusted, the provision shall be deleted from this Agreement as though it had never been included therein. The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this Agreement shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision of this Agreement, which shall remain in full force and effect.

C. <u>Injunctive Relief</u>. The Company and the Employee agree that any breach of this Agreement by the Company or the Employee is likely to cause the Employee or the Company substantial and irrevocable damage and therefore, in the event of any such breach, in addition to such other remedies which may be available, the Employee or the Company shall have the right to seek specific performance and injunctive relief.

D. <u>Governing Law</u>. The validity, interpretation, construction, enforceability and performance of this Agreement shall be governed by the internal law of the State of California.

E. <u>Waivers</u>. No waiver by the Employee at any time of any breach of, or compliance with, any provision of this Agreement to be performed by the Company shall be deemed a waiver of that or any other provision at any subsequent time.

F. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original but both of which together will constitute one and the same instrument.

G. <u>Tax Withholding</u>. Any payments provided for hereunder shall be paid net or any applicable tax withholding required under federal, state or local law.

H. Entire Agreement. Except as provided in the Employee's stock option agreements and employment agreement, this Agreement sets forth the entire agreement of the parties hereto in respect of the subject matter contained herein and supersedes all prior agreements, promises, covenants, arrangements, communications, representations or warranties, whether oral or written, by any officer, employee or representative of any party hereto; and any prior agreement of the parties hereto in respect of the subject matter contained herein is hereby terminated and cancelled. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall limit the Employee's or the Company's rights, obligations an benefits under the Employee's stock option agreement.

I. <u>Amendments</u>. The Employee and the Company may, by mutual agreement, amend or modify this Agreement, provided, however that any such amendment or modification shall only be effected by a written instrument executed by both the Company and the Employee.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as a sealed instrument as of the day and year first set forth above.

COMPANY:

ICU MEDICAL, INC.

By:/s/George A. Lopez, M.D.

Title: President and CEO

EMPLOYEE:

<u>Scott E. Lamb</u> SCOTT E. LAMB This RETENTION AGREEMENT is entered into as of this 30th day of September, 2008, by and between ICU MEDICAL, INC., a Delaware corporation (the "Company") and Alison Burcar, a key employee of the Company (the "Employee").

#### RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Company recognizes that, as is the case with many publicly-held corporations, the possibility of a change in control of the Company exists and that the uncertainties raised by such a possibility may result in the distraction or even the premature departure of the Employee to the detriment of the Company and its stockholders, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Company (the "Board") has determined that appropriate steps should be taken to reinforce and encourage the continued employment and dedication of the Employee without distraction from the possibility of a change in control of the Company and related events and circumstances.

NOW, THEREFORE, as an inducement for and in consideration of the Employee remaining in its employ, the Company agrees that the Employee shall receive the severance benefits set forth in this Agreement in the event the Employee's employment with the Company is terminated under the circumstances described below subsequent to a Change in Control (as defined in Section 1.1).

## I. Key Definitions.

As used herein, the following terms shall have the following respective meanings:

#### A. "Change in Control" means

1. the acquisition by an individual, entity or group (within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) or 14(d)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act")) (a "Person") of beneficial ownership of any capital stock of the Company if, after such acquisition, such Person beneficially owns (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act) 50% or more of either (i) the thenoutstanding shares of common stock of the Company (the "Outstanding Company Common Stock") or (ii) the combined voting power of the then-outstanding voting securities of the Company entitled to vote generally in the election of directors (the "Outstanding Company Voting Securities"); provided, however, that for purposes of this subsection 1.1(a), the following acquisitions shall not constitute a Change in Control: (i) any acquisition from the Company, (ii) any acquisition by the Company or any corporation controlled by the Company, or (iv) any acquisition by any corporation pursuant to a transaction which complies with all of clauses (i), (ii) and (iii) of subsection (c) of this Section 1.1; or

2. individuals who, as of the date hereof, constitute the members of the Board (the "Incumbent Directors") ceasing for any reason to constitute at least a majority of the Board; provided, however, that any individual becoming a director subsequent to the date hereof whose election or nomination for election by the Company's stockholders was approved by a vote of at least a majority of the Incumbent Directors then in office shall be deemed to be an Incumbent Director (except that this proviso shall not apply to any individual whose initial election as a director occurs as a result of an actual or threatened election contest with respect to the election or removal of directors or other actual or threatened solicitation of proxies or consents by or on behalf of a Person other than the Board); or

3. the consummation of a reorganization, merger or consolidation involving the

Company or a sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company (a "Business Combination"), unless, immediately following such Business Combination, each of the following three conditions is satisfied: (i) all or substantially all of the individuals and entities who were the beneficial owners of the Outstanding Company Common Stock and Outstanding Company Voting Securities immediately prior to such Business Combination beneficially own, directly or indirectly, more than 50% of the then-outstanding shares of common stock and the combined voting power of the then-outstanding voting securities entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, respectively, of the resulting or acquiring corporation in such Business Combination (which shall include, without limitation, a corporation which as a result of such transaction owns the Company or substantially all of the Company's assets either directly or through one or more subsidiaries)(such resulting or acquiring corporation is referred to as the "Acquiring Corporation") in substantially the same proportions, relative to one another, as their ownership, immediately prior to such Business Combination, of the Outstanding Company Common Stock and Outstanding Company Voting Securities, respectively, (ii) no Person (excluding the Acquiring Corporation or any employee benefit plan (or related trust) maintained or sponsored by the Company or the Acquiring Corporation) beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, 50% or more of the then-outstanding shares of common stock of the Acquiring Corporation, or of the combined voting power of the then-outstanding voting securities of such corporation (except to the extent that such ownership existed prior to the Business Combination) and (iii) a majority of the members of the board of directors of the Acquiring Corporation were Incumbent Directors at the time of the execution of the initial agreement, or of the action of the Board, providing for such Business Combination; or

dissolution of the Company.

B. <u>"Change in Control Date"</u> means the first date during the Term (as defined in Section 2) on which a Change in Control occurs. Anything in this Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding, if a Change in Control occurs and if the Employee's employment with the Company is terminated prior to the Change in Control Date or if any event which constitutes Good Reason (as defined in Section 1.4) occurs prior to the Change in Control Date, and if it is reasonably demonstrated by the Employee that such termination of employment or event which constitutes Good Reason (i) was at the request of a third party who has taken steps reasonably calculated to effect a Change in Control or (ii) otherwise arose in connection with or in anticipation of a Change in Control, then for all purposes of this Agreement the "Change in Control Date" shall mean the date immediately prior to the date of such termination of employment or event which constitutes Good Reason.

#### C. "Cause" means:

1. the Employee's intentional, willful and continuous failure to substantially perform his or her reasonable assigned duties (other than any such failure resulting from incapacity due to physical or mental illness or any failure after the Employee gives notice of termination for Good Reason), which failure is materially and demonstrably injurious to the Company, and which failure is not cured within 30 days after a written demand for substantial performance is received by the Employee from the Board which specifically identifies the manner in which the Board believes the Employee has not substantially performed the Employee's duties; or

2. the Employee's intentional and willful engagement in illegal conduct or gross misconduct which is materially and demonstrably injurious to the Company or is intended to result in substantial personal enrichment; or

3. the Employee's conviction for a felony or the Employee's plea of *nolo contendere* in connection with a felony indictment.

For purposes of this Section 1.3, no act or failure to act by the Employee shall be considered "willful" unless it is done, or omitted to be done, in bad faith and without reasonable belief that the Employee's action or omission was in the best interests of the Company.

D. <u>"Good Reason"</u> means the occurrence, without the Employee's written consent, or any of the events or circumstances set forth in clauses (a) through (f) below. Notwithstanding the occurrence of any such event or circumstance, such occurrence shall not be deemed to constitute Good Reason if, prior to the Date of Termination specified in the Notice of Termination (each as defined in Section 3.2(a)) given by the Employee in respect thereof, such event or circumstance has been fully corrected and the Employee has been reasonably compensated for any losses or damages resulting therefrom; provided that such right of correction by the Company shall only apply to the first Notice of Termination for Good Reason given by the Employee: 1. any significant diminution in the Employee's duties, responsibilities or authority in effect immediately prior to the earliest to occur of (i) the Change in Control Date, (ii) the date of the execution by the Company of the initial written agreement or instrument providing for the Change in Control or (iii) the date of the adoption by the Board of a resolution providing for the Change in Control (with the earliest to occur of such dates referred to as the "Measurement Date");

2. a reduction in the Employee's annual base salary as in effect on the Measurement Date or as the same may be increased from time to time;

3. the failure by the Company to (i) continue in effect any material compensation or benefit plan or program (a "Benefit Plan") in which the Employee participates or which is applicable to the Employee immediately prior to the Measurement Date, unless an equitable arrangement (embodied in an ongoing substitute or alternative plan or reasonable cash compensation in lieu thereof) has been made with respect to such plan or program, (ii) continue the Employee's participation in a Benefit Plan (or in such substitute or alternative plan or make reasonable cash compensation in lieu thereof) on a basis not materially less favorable, both in terms of the amount of benefits provided and the level of the Employee's participation relative to other participants, than the basis existing immediately prior to the Measurement Date or (iii) award cash bonuses to the Employee in amounts and in a manner substantially consistent with past practice in light of the Company's financial performance;

4. a change by the Company in the location at which the Employee performs the Employee's principal duties for the Company to a new location that is either (i) outside a radius of 35 miles from the Employee's principal residence immediately prior to the Measurement Date; (ii) more than 30 miles from the location at which the Employee performs his or her principal duties for the Company immediately prior to the Measurement Date, and which results in an increase in the Employee's daily commuting distance; or (iii) a requirement by the Company that the Employee travel on Company business to a substantially greater extent than required immediately prior to the Measurement Date;

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F. "Effective Date" means the date as of which this Agreement is entered into.

II. <u>Term of Agreement</u>. This Agreement, and all rights and obligations of the parties hereunder, shall take effect upon the Effective Date and shall expire upon the first to occur of (a) the expiration of the Term (as defined below) if a Change in Control has not occurred during the Term, (b) the date 12 full calendar months after the Change in Control Date, if the Employee is still employed by the Company as of such later date, or (c) the fulfillment by the Company of all of its obligations under Sections 4 and 6 if the Employee's employment with the Company terminates within 12 full calendar months following the Change in Control Date, provided that Section 5 shall remain in effect from the Effective Date until 24 full calendar months after the Date of Termination of the Employee. "Term" shall mean the period commencing as of the Effective Date and continuing in effect through September 30, 2009; provided, however, that commencing on September 30, 2009 and each September 30 thereafter, the Term shall be automatically extended for one additional year unless, not later than 90 days prior to the scheduled expiration of the Term (or any extension thereof), the Company shall have given the Employee written notice that the Term will not be extended.

## III. Employment Status; Termination Following Change in Control.

A. <u>Not an Employment Contract</u>. The Employee acknowledges that this Agreement does not constitute a contract of employment or impose on the Company any obligation to retain the Employee as an employee and that this Agreement does not prevent the Employee from terminating employment at any time. If the Employee's employment with the Company terminates for any reason and subsequently a Change in Control shall occur, the Employee shall not be entitled to any benefits hereunder, except as otherwise provided pursuant to Section 1.2.

#### B. Termination of Employment.

1. If the Change in Control Date occurs during the Term, any termination of the Employee's employment by the Company or by the Employee within 12 full calendar months following the Change in Control Date (other than due to the death of the Employee) shall be communicated by a written notice to the other party hereto (the "Notice of Termination"), given in accordance with Section 7. Any Notice of Termination shall: (i) indicate the specific termination provision (if any) of this Agreement relied upon by the party giving such notice; (ii) to the extent applicable, set forth in reasonable detail the facts and circumstances claimed to provide a basis for termination for the Employee's employment under the provision so indicated and (iii) specify the Date of Termination") shall be (A) the close of business on the date specified in the Notice of Termination (which date may not be less than 14 days or more than 45 days after the date of delivery of such Notice of Termination), in the case of a termination other than due to the Employee's death, or (B) the date of the Employee's death in the case of a termination due to the Employee's death, as the case may be.

2. The failure by the Employee or the Company to set forth in the Notice of Termination any fact or circumstance which contributes to a showing of Good Reason or Cause shall not waive any right of the Employee or the Company, respectively, from asserting any such fact or circumstance in enforcing the Employee's or the Company's right hereunder.

3. Any Notice of Termination for Cause given by the Company must be given within 90 days of the occurrence of the event(s) or circumstance(s) which constitute(s) Cause. Prior to any Notice of Termination for Cause being given (and prior to any termination for Cause being effective), the Employee shall be entitled to a hearing before the Board at which he or she may, at his or her election, be represented by counsel and at which he or she shall have a reasonable opportunity to be heard. Such hearing shall be held on not less than 15 days prior written notice to the Employee stating the Board's intention to terminate the Employee for Cause and stating in detail the particular events event(s) or circumstance(s) which the Board believes constitutes Cause for termination.

4. Any Notice of Termination for Good Reason given by the Employee must be given within six months of the occurrence of the events or circumstances which constitutes Good Reason.

## IV. Benefits to Employee.

A. <u>Compensation</u>. If the Change in Control Date occurs during the Term and the Employee's employment with the Company terminates within 12 full calendar months following the Change in Control Date, the Employee shall be entitled to the following benefits:

1. Termination Without Cause or for Good Reason. If the Employee's employment

with the Company is terminated by the Company (other than for Cause, Disability or death) or by the Employee for Good Reason within 12 full calendar months following the Change in Control Date, then the Employee shall be entitled to the following benefits:

a. the Company shall pay to the Employee either in a lump sum in cash within 30 days after the Date of Termination, or, if the Employee so elects in writing within 15 days after the Date of Termination, in 24 bi-monthly installments, without interest, beginning on the date of the first normal employee payroll of the Company which occurs more than 30 days after the Date of Termination, the aggregate of the following amounts:

i. the sum of (A) the Employee's annual base salary for the current year through the Date of Termination and (B) the product of (x) the Employee's total on target semi-annual and annual bonuses for the current fiscal year (including any merit bonuses and any bonuses under the Company's 2008 Performance-Based Incentive Plan) (the "Target Bonus") and (y) a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of days in the current fiscal year through the Date of Termination, and the denominator of which is 365 less (C) the amount of any compensation previously paid for the current year, whether in quarterly bonus payments, or otherwise, (the sum of the amounts described in clauses (A) and (B), less the amount previously paid in (C), shall be referred to as the "Accrued Obligations"); and

ii. the sum of (A) the Employee's annual base salary as of the date immediately before the Date of Termination; and (B) the Employee's Target Bonus for the current fiscal year.

b. for 12 full calendar months after the Date of Termination, or such longer period as may be provided by the terms of the appropriate plan, program, practice or policy, the Company shall continue to provide benefits to the Employee (other than any benefits under the executive bonus plan, the Company 401(k) Savings Plan, the 2005 Long Term Retention Plan or the 2008 Performance-Based Incentive Plan) and the Employee's family at least equal to those which would have been provided to them if the Employee's employment had not been terminated, in accordance with the applicable Benefit Plans in effect on the Measurement Date or, if more favorable to the Employee and his or her family, in effect generally at any time thereafter with respect to other peer employees of the Company; <u>provided</u>, however, that if the Employee becomes reemployed with another employer and is eligible to receive comparable life, medical, dental, health, and accident or disability insurance benefits under another employer-provided plan, on terms at least as favorable to the Employee and his or her family, then the benefits described in this clause (ii) shall be reduced to the extent such other benefits are available to the Employee and his or her family;

c. to the extent not previously paid or provided, the Company shall timely pay or provide to the Employee any other amounts or benefits required to be paid or provided or which the Employee is eligible to receive following the Employee's termination of employment under any plan, program, policy, practice, contract or agreement of the Company (such other amounts and benefits shall be referred to as the "Other Benefits");

d. The Company shall pay the commercially reasonable fees of one executive outplacement firm's services provided to the Employee, such firm to be chosen by the Employee, not to exceed \$10,000.

e. Any outstanding stock options granted to the Employee pursuant to the Company's Amended and Restated 1993 Stock Incentive Plan or the Company's 2003 Stock Option Plan, and any outstanding stock options granted to the Employee after the Effective Date and prior to a Change in Control, shall immediately vest upon the Date of Termination.

f. Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement, (A) awards ("LTRP

Awards") that have been granted to the Employee under the Company's 2005 Long Term Retention Plan (the "LTRP") that have not been paid in accordance with the terms of the LTRP shall not be considered Accrued Obligations, Target Bonus or benefits to be provided in accordance with Benefit Plans for purposes of determining amounts to be paid under this Section 4.1(a) or Section 4.1(b) and (B) LTRP Awards are Other Benefits that will be paid or not paid, as the case may be, in accordance with the terms of the LTRP.

## 2. Resignation without Good Reason; Termination for Cause; Termination for

<u>Death or Disability</u>. If the Employee voluntarily terminates his or her employment with the Company within 12 full calendar months following the Change in Control Date, excluding a termination for Good Reason, or the Employee's employment with the Company is terminated by the Company for Cause, or by reason of the Employee's death or Disability within 12 full calendar months following the Change in Control Date, then the Company shall (i) pay the Employee (or his or her estate, if applicable), in a lump sum in cash within 15 days after the Date of Termination, the Accrued Obligations and (ii) timely pay or provide to the Employee the Other Benefits earned before the Date of Termination.

B. <u>Mitigation</u>. The Employee shall not be required to mitigate the amount of any payment or benefits provided for in this Section 4 by seeking other employment or otherwise. Further, except as provided in Section 4.1(a)(ii), the amount of any payment or benefits provided for in this Section 4 shall not be reduced by any compensation earned by the Employee as a result of employment by another employer, by retirement benefits, by disability or death benefits, by offset against any amount claimed to be owed by the Employee to the Company or otherwise.

C. <u>Limitation on Payments</u>. In the event that any of the severance benefits provided for in Section 4.1 of this Agreement (i) constitute "parachute payments" within the meaning of Section 280G of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and (ii) but for this Section 4.3, would be subject to the excise tax imposed by Section 4999 of the Code, then the Employee's severance benefits under Section 4.1 will be either:

#### (A) delivered in full, or

(B) delivered as to such lesser extent which would result in no portion of such severance benefits being subject to excise tax under Section 4999 of the Code,

whichever of the foregoing amounts, taking into account the applicable federal, state and local income taxes and the excise tax imposed by Section 4999 of the Code, results in the receipt by the Employee on an after-tax basis of the greatest amount of severance benefits, notwithstanding that all or some portion of such severance benefits may be taxable under Section 4999 of the Code. Unless the Company and the Employee otherwise agree in writing, any determination required under this Section 4.3 will be made in writing by the Company's independent public accountants immediately prior to the Change in Control Date (the "Accountants"), whose determination will be conclusive and binding upon the Employee and the Company for all purposes. For purposes of making the calculations required by this Section 4.3, the Accountants may make reasonable assumptions and approximations concerning applicable taxes and may rely on reasonable, good faith interpretations concerning the application of Sections 280G and 4999 of the Code. The Company and the Employee will furnish to the Accountants such information and documents as the Accountants may reasonably request in order to make a determination under this Section 4.3. The Company will bear all fees and costs payable to the Accountants in connection with any calculations contemplated by this Section 4.3.

#### V. Disputes.

A. <u>Settlement of Disputes; Arbitration</u>. All claims by the Employee for benefits under this Agreement shall be directed to and determined by the Board and shall be in writing. Any denial by the Board of a claim for benefits under this Agreement shall be delivered to the Employee in writing and shall set forth the specific reasons for the denial and the specific provisions of this Agreement relied upon. The Board shall afford a reasonable opportunity to the Employee for a review of the decision denying a claim. Any further dispute or controversy arising under or in connection with this Agreement shall be settled exclusively by arbitration in Orange County, California, in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association then in effect. Judgment may be entered on the arbitrator's award in any court having jurisdiction.

B. <u>Expenses</u>. The prevailing party shall be entitled to recover all costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, expert witness fees, court costs and all other costs and expenses incurred in any action or proceeding arising out of this Agreement or as to any matters related to but not covered by this Agreement. For purposes of this Section 5.2, the term "prevailing party" includes a party who agrees to dismiss an action or proceeding upon the other's payment of the sums allegedly due or for performance of the covenants, undertakings or agreements allegedly breached, or who obtains substantially the relief it sought.

## VI. Successors; Binding Agreement.

A. <u>Successors</u>. The Company shall require any successor (whether direct or indirect, by purchase, merger, consolidation or otherwise) to all or substantially all of the business or assets of the Company expressly to assume and agree to perform this Agreement to the same extent that the Company would be required to perform it if no such succession had taken place. Failure of the Company to obtain an assumption of this Agreement at or prior to the effectiveness of any succession shall be a breach of this Agreement and shall constitute Good Reason if the Employee elects to terminate employment (and such termination shall be deemed to have occurred after a Change in Control), except that for purposes of implementing the foregoing, the date on which any such succession becomes effective shall be deemed the Date of Termination. As used in this Agreement, "Company" shall mean the Company as defined above and any successor to its business or assets as aforesaid that assumes and agrees to perform this Agreement, by operation of law or otherwise.

B. <u>Binding Agreement</u>. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the Employee's personal or legal representatives, executors, administrators, successors, heirs, distributees, devisees and legatees. If the Employee should die while any amount would still be payable to the Employee or his or her family hereunder if the Employee had continued to live, all such amounts, unless otherwise provided herein, shall be paid in accordance with the terms of this Agreement to the executors, personal representatives or administrators of the Employee's estate.

VII. <u>Notice</u>. All notices, instructions and other communications given hereunder or in connection herewith shall be in writing. Any such notice, instruction or communication shall be sent either (i) by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, or (ii) prepaid via a reputable nationwide overnight courier service, in each case addressed to the Company at 951 Calle Amanecer, San Clemente, CA 92673, and to the Employee at the home address most recently provided by the Employee to the Company (or to such other address as either the Company or the Employee may have furnished to the other in writing in accordance herewith). Any such notice, instruction or communication shall be deemed to have been delivered, whether or not actually received, five business days after it is sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, or one business day after it is sent via a reputable nationwide overnight courier service. Either party may give any notice, instruction or other communication hereunder using any other means, but no such notice, instruction or other communication shall be deemed to have been duly delivered unless and until it is actually is received by the party for whom it is intended.

## VIII. Miscellaneous.

A. <u>Employment by Subsidiary</u>. For purposes of this Agreement, the Employee's employment with the Company shall not be deemed to have terminated solely as a result of the Employee continuing to be employed by a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company.

B. <u>Severability</u>. If any provision of this Agreement is declared invalid or unenforceable, such provision shall be deemed automatically adjusted to conform to the requirements for validity or enforceability as declared at such time while maintaining the original intent of the provision to the greatest extent possible and, as so adjusted, shall be deemed a provision of this Agreement as though originally included herein. If the provision invalidated or deemed unenforceable is of such a nature that it cannot be so adjusted, the provision shall be deleted from this Agreement as though it had never been included therein. The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this Agreement shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision of this Agreement, which shall remain in full force and effect.

C. <u>Injunctive Relief</u>. The Company and the Employee agree that any breach of this Agreement by the Company or the Employee is likely to cause the Employee or the Company substantial and irrevocable damage and therefore, in the event of any such breach, in addition to such other remedies which may be available, the Employee or the Company shall have the right to seek specific performance and injunctive relief.

D. <u>Governing Law</u>. The validity, interpretation, construction, enforceability and performance of this Agreement shall be governed by the internal law of the State of California.

E. <u>Waivers</u>. No waiver by the Employee at any time of any breach of, or compliance with, any provision of this Agreement to be performed by the Company shall be deemed a waiver of that or any other provision at any subsequent time.

F. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original but both of which together will constitute one and the same instrument.

G. <u>Tax Withholding</u>. Any payments provided for hereunder shall be paid net or any applicable tax withholding required under federal, state or local law.

H. Entire Agreement. Except as provided in the Employee's stock option agreements and employment agreement, this Agreement sets forth the entire agreement of the parties hereto in respect of the subject matter contained herein and supersedes all prior agreements, promises, covenants, arrangements, communications, representations or warranties, whether oral or written, by any officer, employee or representative of any party hereto; and any prior agreement of the parties hereto in respect of the subject matter contained herein is hereby terminated and cancelled. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall limit the Employee's or the Company's rights, obligations an benefits under the Employee's stock option agreement.

I. <u>Amendments</u>. The Employee and the Company may, by mutual agreement, amend or modify this Agreement, provided, however that any such amendment or modification shall only be effected by a written instrument executed by both the Company and the Employee.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as a sealed instrument as of the day and year first set forth above.

COMPANY:

ICU MEDICAL, INC.

By:/s/George A. Lopez, M.D.

Title: President and CEO

EMPLOYEE:

/s/Alison Burcar

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