

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

August 2, 2010

Via U.S. Mail and Facsimile 205.969.3756

R. Steven Hamner Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Medical Properties Trust, Inc. 1000 Urban Center Drive, Suite 501 Birmingham, AL 35242

Re: Medical Properties Trust, Inc.

Form 10-K for Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2009

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Dear Mr. Hamner:

We have completed our review of your filing and do not have any further comments at this time.

Sincerely,

Kevin Woody Accounting Branch Chief