

July 5, 2005

VIA FACSIMILE AND EDGAR

Securities and Exchange Commission
Division of Corporate Finance
450 Fifth Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20549
Attention: Owen Pinkerton and Michael McTiernan

Medical Properties Trust, Inc.
Registration Statement on Form S-11
File No. 333-119957

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with Rule 461 of the General Rules and Regulations under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), we, the underwriters, hereby join with Medical Properties Trust, Inc. in requesting that the effective date for the Registration Statement referred to above be accelerated so that such Registration Statement will become effective at 4:00 p.m. EDT on July 7, 2005, or as soon thereafter as practicable. The undersigned hereby confirm that we are aware of our responsibilities under the Securities Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, as they relate to the proposed public offering of common stock of Medical Properties Trust, Inc. specified in the above captioned Registration Statement.

Sincerely,

Friedman, Billings, Ramsey & Co., Inc
J.P. Morgan Securities Inc.
Wachovia Capital Markets, LLC
Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated

By: Friedman, Billings, Ramsey & Co., Inc.,
as representative of the several
underwriters

By: /s/ James R. Kleeblatt

Name: James R. Kleeblatt

Title: Senior Managing Director
