



DIVISION OF  
CORPORATION FINANCE

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

April 29, 2013

VIA E-Mail

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

**Re: Medical Properties Trust, Inc.  
Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012  
Filed on February 22, 2013  
File No. 001-32559**

**MPT Operating Partnership, L.P.  
Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012  
Filed on February 22, 2013  
File No. 333-177186**

Dear Mr. R. Steven Hamner:

We have completed our review of your filing. We remind you that our comments or changes to disclosure in response to our comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the company or the filing and the company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States. We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filing to be certain that the filing includes the information the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and all applicable rules require.

Sincerely,

/s/ Kevin Woody

Kevin R. Woody  
Branch Chief