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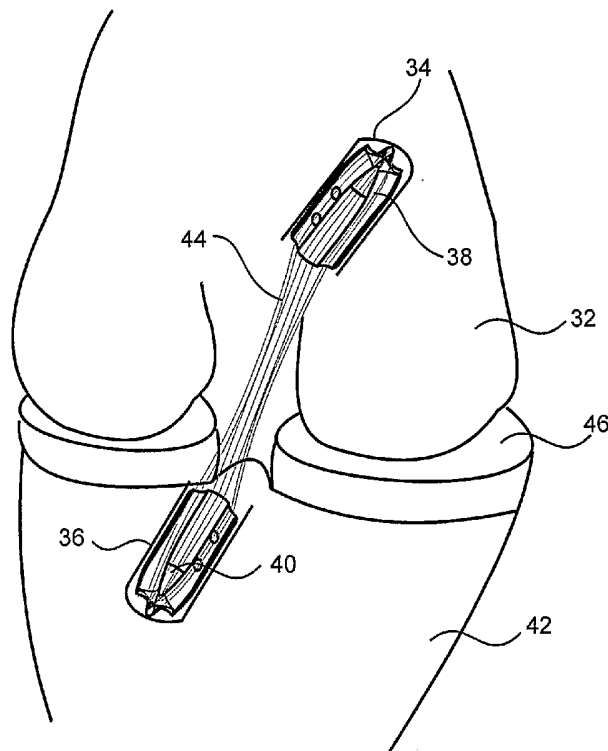
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(57) Abstract: An implant for repairing soft tissue injuries is provided comprising at least one channel for receiving a soft tissue graft such as tendon, ligament, or other soft tissue, to be implanted in a patient. The implant assembled with the graft is designed to fit into a bony defect, such as a graft tunnel, formed in bone of a patient. The implant can be biodegradable, and the implant-graft assembly has a pull-out strength sufficient to withstand everyday use during patient recovery.



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