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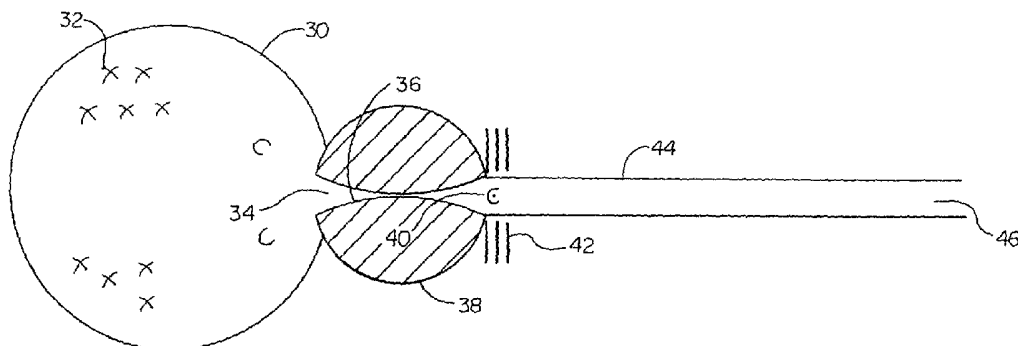
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(57) **Abstract:** An endourethral device (50) is provided having an elongate member (52) having proximal (54) and distal (56) segments, the elongate member (52) positionable within a lower intestinal tract so as to at least partially traverse a prostatic urethra. A proximal anchor (58), adapted to abuttingly engage portions of a bladder neck so as to at least proximally anchor the device, is supported at least indirectly by the proximal segment (54) of said elongate member (52). The proximal anchor (58) includes bladder engaging elements (60) radially extending from the proximal segment (54) of said elongate member (52), urine being freely dischargeable about at least said proximal segment (54) so as to substantially bathe the bladder neck therewith.

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