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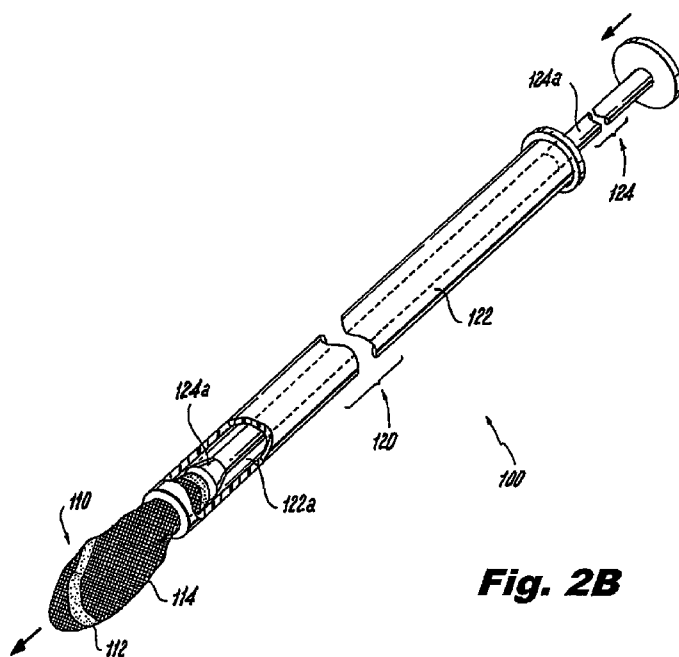


Fig. 2B

(57) Abstract: A hernia repair system includes a surgical patch, a dispenser, and a plurality of sutures. The surgical patch is movable between a contracted orientation and an expanded orientation. The dispenser includes a housing and a plunger. The housing defines a lumen. The plunger is movably secured within the lumen. The housing is configured to releasably retain the surgical patch within the lumen in the contracted orientation of the surgical patch. The plunger is configured to expel the surgical patch from the housing upon the selective actuation of the plunger from a first position to a second position. The surgical patch is autonomously positionable in the expanded orientation upon being expelled from the lumen. The plurality of sutures are configured to securely mount the surgical patch to a tissue site when the surgical patch is positioned in the expanded orientation.



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