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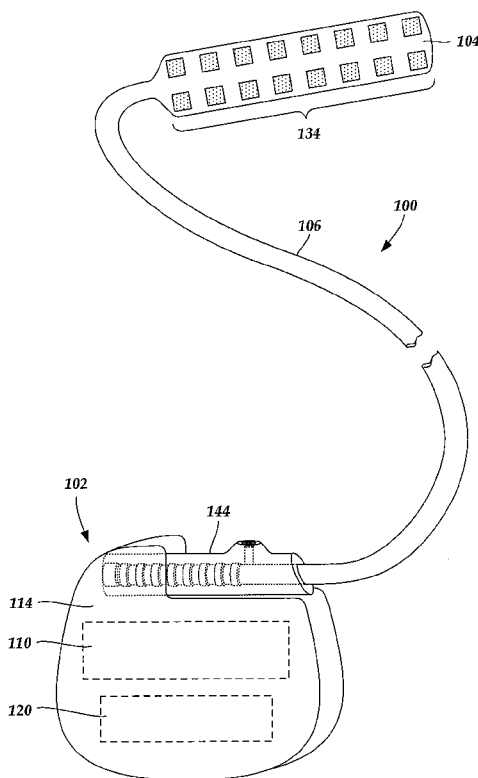


Fig. 1

(57) Abstract: An implantable lead includes a first lead assembly with a distal tip and a medial end, a medial section with a first end and a second end, and a first intermediate assembly disposed between the first lead assembly and the first end of the medial section. The first lead assembly includes a plurality of external contacts and at least one conductive wire disposed in the first lead assembly. The at least one conductive wire extends from at least one external contact towards the medial end of the first lead assembly. The medial section includes a plurality of conductors extending from the first end to the second end. The first intermediate assembly includes a plurality of conductive elements. At least one of the conductive elements is configured and arranged to electrically couple the at least one conductive wire to at least one of the conductors.



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