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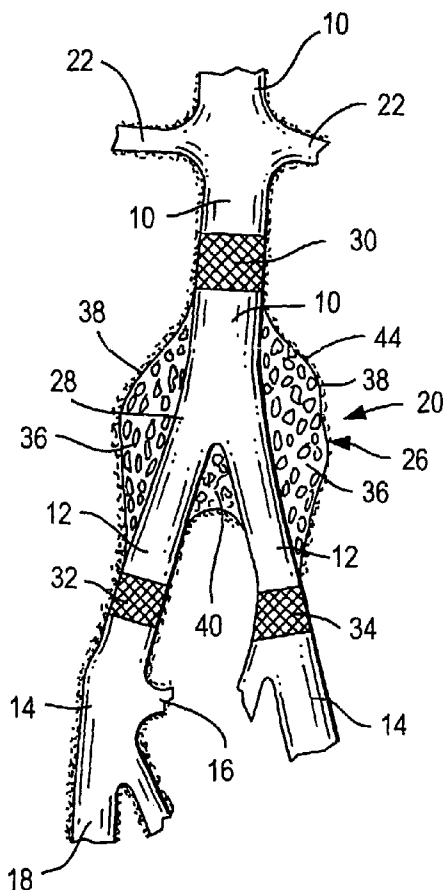
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(57) Abstract: A device for treating or preventing a vascular condition at a mammalian vascular site, comprises an implant formed from a compressible, reticulated elastomeric matrix in a shape conducive to delivery through a delivery instrument. One or more implants are delivered in a compressed state to the mammalian vascular site where each implant recovers substantially to its uncompressed state following deployment from a delivery instrument. In a preferred embodiment the matrix comprises cross-linked polycarbonate polyurethane-urea or cross-linked polycarbonate polyurea-urethane. In another preferred embodiment the matrix comprises a cross-linked polycarbonate polyurethane. In a yet further embodiment, the matrix comprises thermoplastic polycarbonate polyurethane or thermoplastic polycarbonate polyurethane-urea.

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Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X --- Y	US 6,165,212 A (DEREUME et al) 26 December 2000 (26.12.2000), figures 1 and 2, column 2 line 58 - column 3 line 36, column 10 line 30, column 12 line 8.	1-7, 9, 10, 12-24, 26-33 ----- 8, 11, 25
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