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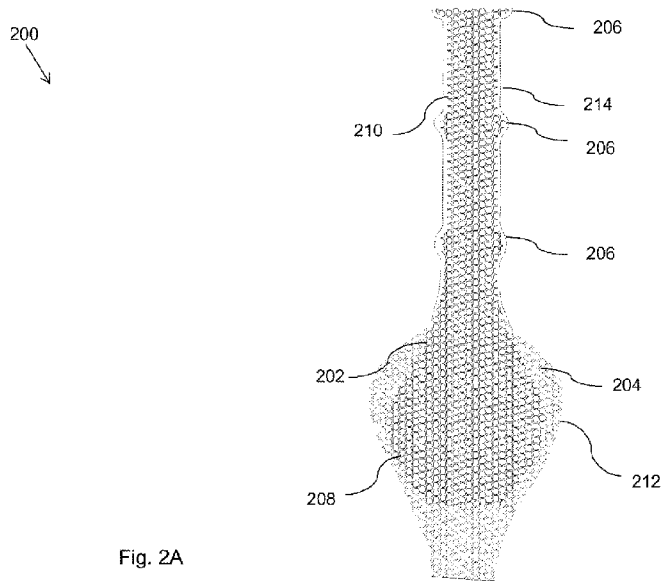


Fig. 2A

(57) Abstract: A medical device (200) includes a first elongate member (202), a second elongate member (204) and a coupling member (206). The first elongate member further includes a leg portion (210) and a head portion (208). The head portion is configured to be attached to a first bodily portion and the leg portion is configured to be attached to second bodily portion. The second elongate member includes a leg portion (214) and a head portion (212). The head portion of the second elongate member is configured to be attached to a third bodily portion and the leg portion of the second elongate member is configured to be attached to a fourth bodily portion. The coupling member (206) is configured to be coupled to and extend between the first elongate member (202) and the second elongate member (204) to couple the first elongate member to the second elongate member when the medical device is in a first configuration. The coupling member is configured to be decoupled from at least one of the first elongate member and the second elongate member when the medical device is in a second configuration.





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## Box No. II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1.  Claims Nos.: 20  
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:  
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2.  Claims Nos.:  
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:
3.  Claims Nos.:  
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

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This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1.  As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2.  As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fees, this Authority did not invite payment of additional fees.
3.  As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4.  No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

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- The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest and, where applicable, the payment of a protest fee.
- The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest but the applicable protest fee was not paid within the time limit specified in the invitation.
- No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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Claims Nos.: 20

The method for implanting a medical device in a patient's body as defined in claims 20 of the present international application is a method of treatment of the human or animal body by surgery. Indeed, the method claimed in claim 20 includes surgical steps, as those necessary to access the target location in the patient's body and to attach the different portions of the medical device to different bodily portions. Thus, claim 20 relates to subject-matter considered by this Authority to be covered by the provisions of Rule 39.1(iv) PCT, and no international search report will be established with respect to the subject-matter of this claim (Article 17(2)(a)(i) PCT).

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