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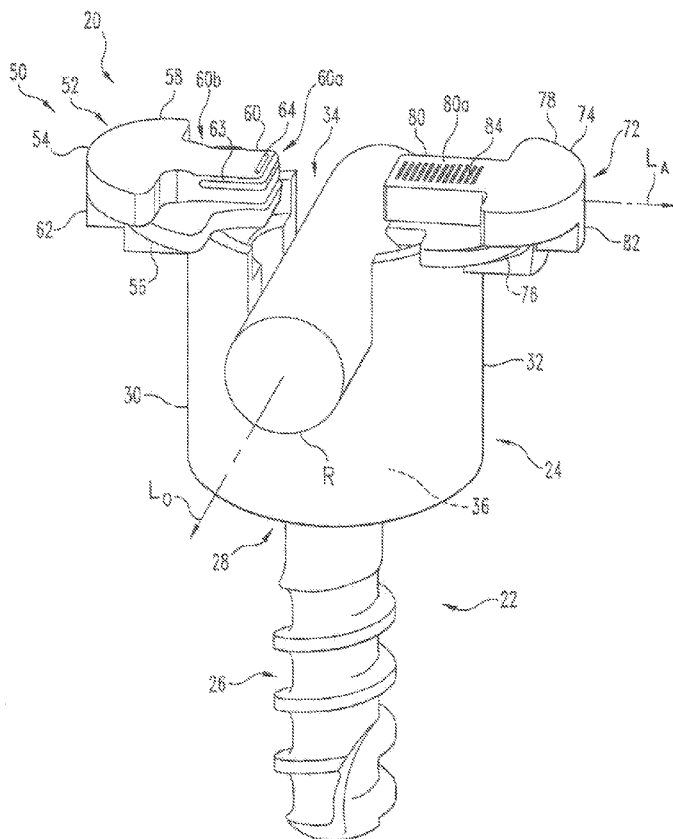
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(57) Abstract: Embodiments of an orthopedic  
implant assembly include an apparatus having  
a receiver member (24) and a fixation member  
(22). The receiver member includes first and  
second branches (30, 32) which define a channel  
(34) extending along a longitudinal axis. The  
channel is configured to receive an elongated  
member. Additionally, the fixation member can  
include a threaded portion configured to engage  
bone. The orthopedic implant system can further  
include a one-step locking mechanism (50)  
operably connected with the receiver member,  
the locking mechanism being configured to  
lock an elongated member in the channel. The  
locking mechanism includes a first closure  
device operably connected with the first branch  
and a second closure device operably connected  
with the second branch. The first and second  
closure devices are configured to cooperate  
with each other along a lateral axis to lock an  
elongated member in the channel. In certain  
embodiments, the lateral axis does not intersect  
the longitudinal axis.



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1. claims: 1-8

An apparatus comprising a receiver portion, a fixation portion and a locking mechanism including a first closure device and a second closure device, wherein said first closure device is configured to slide together with said second closure device along a lateral axis to lock an elongated member in a channel of the receiver portion.

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2. claims: 9-18

A multi-axial bone-engaging anchor assembly comprising a receiver member, a bone-engaging anchor and a closure mechanism, wherein said receiver member defines a lower opening portion and said anchor having a head, the width of said head being smaller than the minimum width of said lower opening portion.

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3. claims: 19-28

An apparatus comprising a fixation element, a receiver member and a clipping mechanism, wherein said clipping mechanism includes a first clipping assembly including a clip member having a hollow portion and a second clipping assembly including a clip member having an extension portion, with said extension portion configured to be at least partially received in said hollow portion.

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