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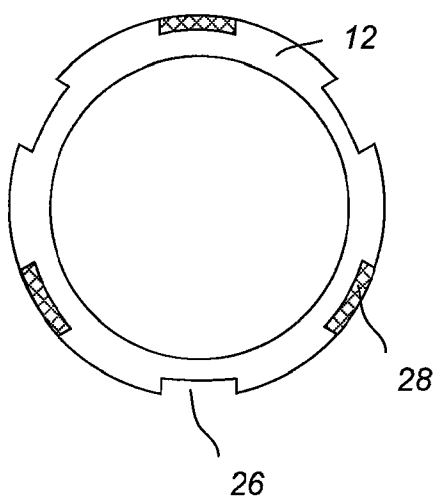
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1. claims: 1-10

A method of making an inflatable medical balloon formed of polymer, forming first regions wherein polymer is removed to enhance flexibility.

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2. claims: 11-16,20-35

A method of making an inflatable medical balloon formed of polymer, forming first treated regions where the polymer crystallinity is increased without substantially removing polymer from the balloons.

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3. claims: 17-19

A method of making an inflatable medical balloon formed of polymer, comprising ablating one region and forming three regions the ablated region having higher flexibility than the other regions.

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