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(54) Title: A DEVICE AND METHOD FOR DEPLOYING AND ATTACHING A PATCH TO A BIOLOGICAL TISSUE

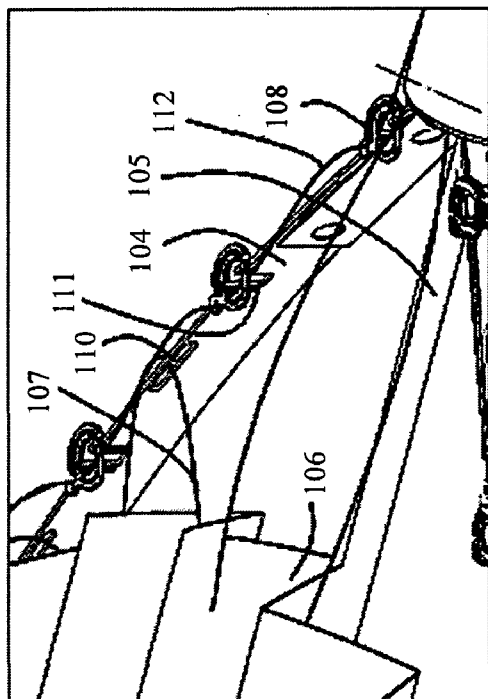


FIG. 1A

(57) Abstract: The present invention provides an integrated deployment and attachment device (DAD) comprising means adapted to deploy a patch and means adapted to attach said patch to a biological tissue within the body; wherein said DAD is adapted to sequentially deploy said patch within said body and attach said patch to said biological tissue within said body; further wherein said deployment of said patch is (i) controlled such that a continuous deployment is obtained; and, (ii) bidirectional such that said deployment is fully reversible.

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USPTO PubWEST (USPT, PGPB, EPAB, JPAB); Google: @PD<20080218; patch; mesh; hernia; deployment; device; body; bidirectional; revers\$; withdraw\$; arms; loop; clip; clamp; fastener; hook; linear; securing means; retaining means

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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X --- Y	US 2007/0185506 A1 (JACKSON) 09 August 2007 (09.08.2007); Abstract; para [0009], [0021], [0022], [0024]-[0027], [0030]-[0033], [0035]-[0040], [0043]; Figs. 1-5	1, 47, 54-57, 59-61, 64-70 2-7, 17-37, 42-45, 48-53, 58, 62, 63, 71-82
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Y	US 5,405,360 A (TOVEY, et al.) 11 April 1995 (06.12.1994); Abstract; col 2, ln 48-61; col 4, ln 11-25; col 5, ln 11-30; col 5, ln 36-47; col 7, ln 27-42; col 7, ln 57-63; col 8, ln 3-64; Figs. 5, 6, 9; Claim 10	2-7, 17-37, 42-45, 48-53, 62, 63, 72-82
Y	US 2004/0087970 A1 (CHU, et al.) 06 May 2004 (06.05.2004); Abstract; para [0150], [0336], [0339], [0341]	21, 58, 71, 82

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