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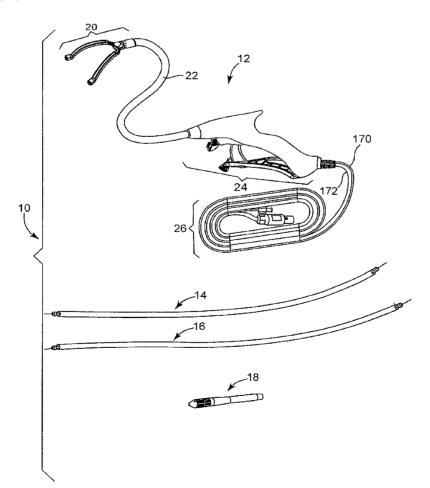
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(57) Abstract: A device for ablating tissue at a desired location in a body, the device comprising: a pair of jaws moveable between a spaced apart open position and a closed position, the pair of jaws comprising at least one ablating element for ablating tissue located between the jaws; a handle comprising controls for remotely controlling the movement of the jaws and the at least one ablative element, wherein the controls for the at least one ablative element comprise a trigger mechanism for applying ablative energy to the at least one ablating element; a neck connecting the jaws and handle; and a lockout mechanism for preventing the trigger mechanism from applying ablative energy when the jaws are in the open position.



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