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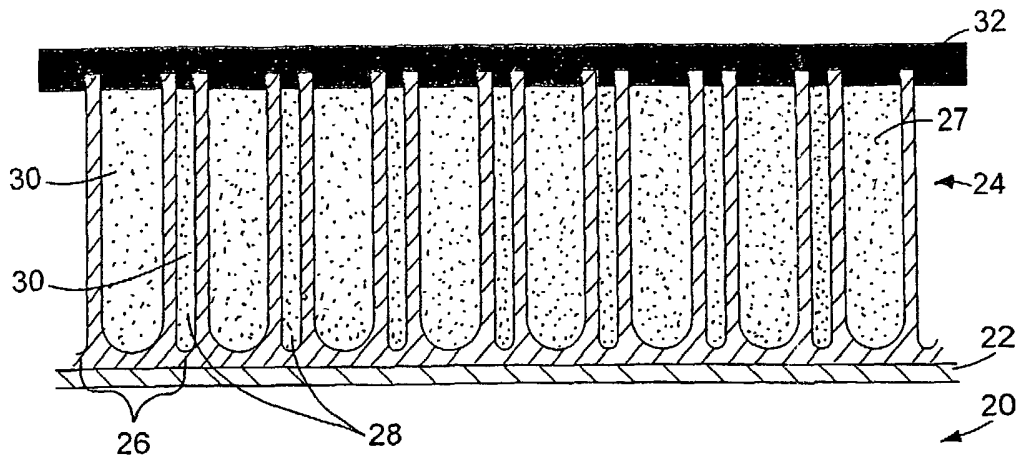
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(57) Abstract: Medical devices, particularly stents, suitable for drug delivery and including a porous structure and/or colors are disclosed.

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1. claims: 1 - 31

A stent member including a porous structure, the porous structure including post-shaped elements.

2. claims: 32 - 42

The steps of providing a metal, exposing the metal to an acid solution, connecting the metal as an anode and applying a voltage to the circuit. The metal is incorporated into a stent.

3. claims: 43 - 46

A medical device including an oxide providing a colour or colour pattern.

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