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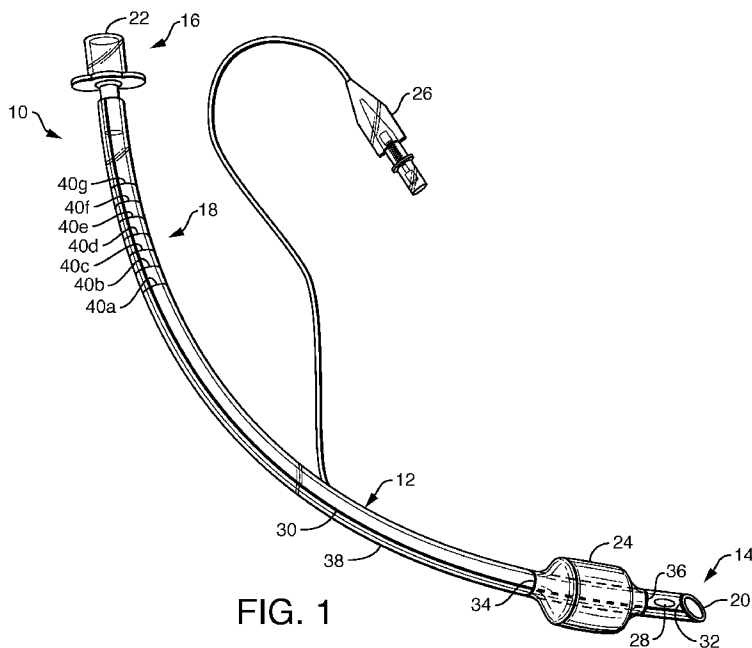


FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: An endotracheal tube (10) comprising a tubular member (12) including a distal portion (38) and a distal end (14), a radiopaque stripe (30) extending longitudinally along the distal portion (38) of the tubular member (12), and a radiopaque ring (32) encircling at least a portion of the tubular member (12) at the distal end (14). The radiopaque ring (32) may be a complete oval, a substantial arc of an oval, or a series of arcs of an oval.

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