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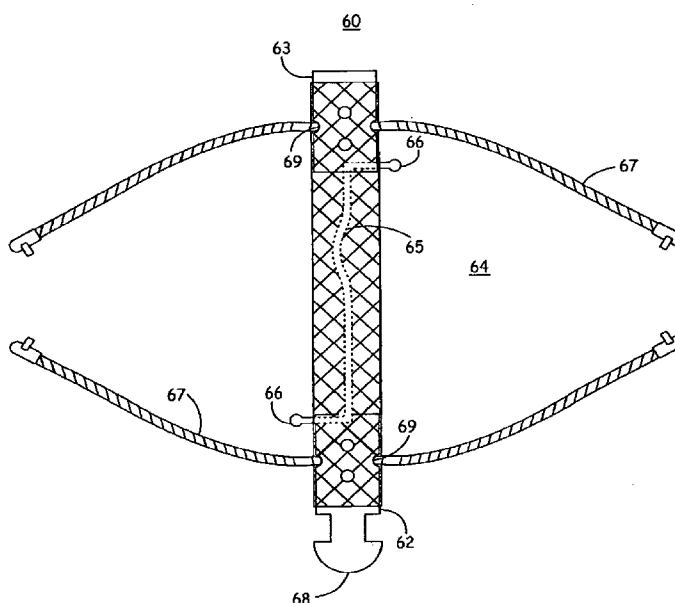


FIG. 4

(57) Abstract: An occlusion device includes a center assembly having a flexible section (65) formed by a fabric connector. The flexible fabric connector gives the center assembly improved flexure characteristics, which allows the occlusion device to better conform to the contours of the heart.

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