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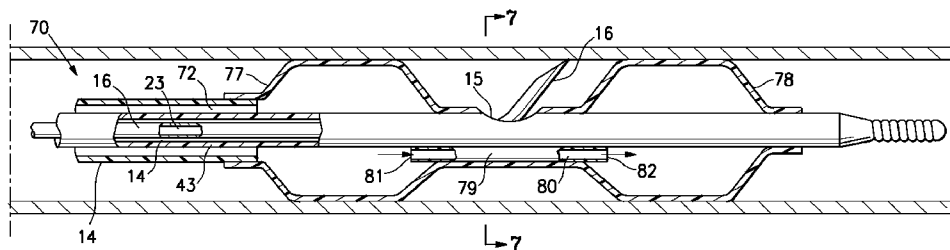


FIG. 6

(57) Abstract: An agent delivery catheter (70) having two or more axially spaced balloons and an inflation bridge providing fluid communication between the two balloons. The catheter generally has a proximal balloon (77), a distal balloon (78), and a tube defining an inflation bridge (79) lumen which is located in part within the inflatable interiors of the balloons, and which extends therebetween, and which has a proximal port (81) within the proximal balloon interior and a distal port (82) within the distal balloon interior to thereby provide for inflation of the distal balloon by placing the distal balloon interior in fluid communication with the proximal balloon interior of the shaft.

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Claims 1 - 13 essentially define an agent delivery catheter having an elongated shaft, two balloons, a tube acting as an inflation bridge lumen and extending between the interiors of the two balloons, a needle-through lumen and a needle-through port located between the two balloons.

2. claims: 14-17

Claims 14 - 17 essentially define a balloon catheter having an elongated shaft, a wire lumen, two balloons, a tube acting as an inflation bridge lumen and extending between the interiors of the two balloons, the tube extending helically between the balloons.

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