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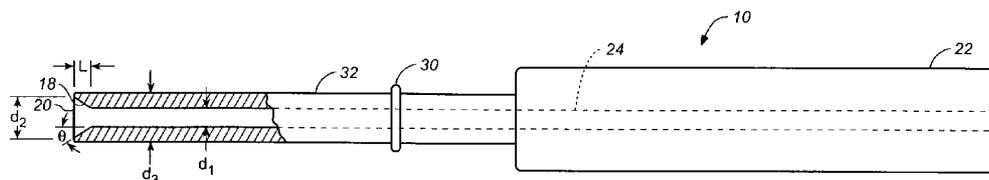
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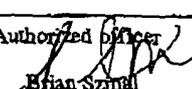


(57) Abstract: A device for determining the depth of an incision from the epidermal layer (70) to a puncture in a blood vessel (66) in which the device (10) includes an elongated member (472) which has a lumen (424) extending from a distal end (20) to a proximal end.

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