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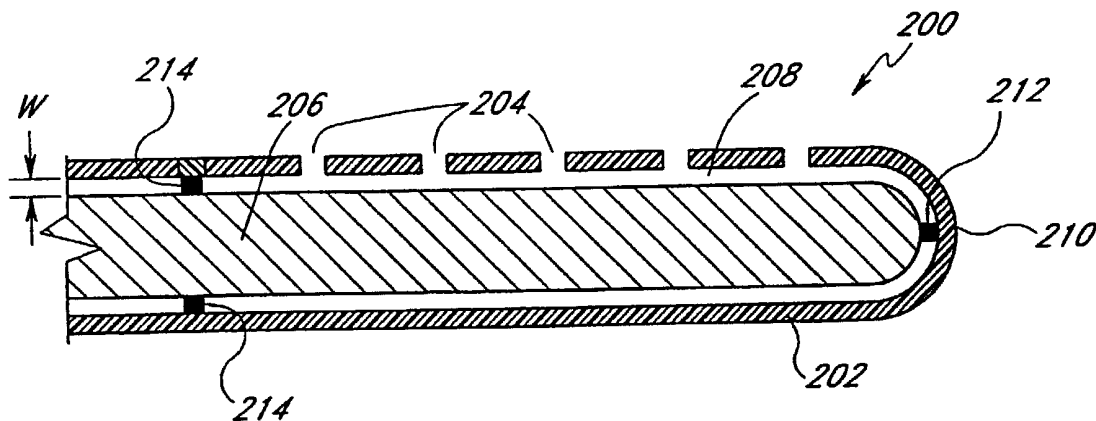
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(54) Title: CATHETER FOR UNIFORM DELIVERY OF MEDICATION



WO 01/05210 A3 (57) Abstract: The present invention provides a catheter for the delivery of fluid medication across an anatomical region. In accordance with one embodiment, the catheter comprises an elongated tube with a plurality of exit holes along an infusion section of the catheter, and an elongated flexible porous member residing within the tube and forming an annular space between the tube and the member. In accordance with other embodiments, the catheter includes a tube having a plurality of exit holes in a side wall of the tube. The exit holes may combine to form a flow-restricting orifice of the catheter. Advantageously, fluid within the catheter flows through all of the exit holes, resulting in uniform distribution of fluid within an anatomical region. In one particular embodiment, the catheter comprises a tube having elongated exit slots therein. In accordance with other embodiments, the catheter includes an elongated tubular member made of a porous membrane. The porous membrane is configured so that a fluid introduced into an open end of the tubular member will flow through side walls of the tubular member at a substantially uniform rate along a length of the tubular member. In accordance with other embodiments, the catheter includes an elongated "weeping" tubular coil spring attached to an end of, or enclosed within, a tube. Fluid within the spring and greater than or equal to a threshold pressure advantageously flows radially outward between the spring coils. Advantageously, the fluid is dispensed substantially uniformly throughout a length of the spring.



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Catheter for uniformly delivering a drug through a porous distribution section and method of manufacturing the catheter

2. Claims: 11,12, 54-56, 58,59

Catheter for uniformly delivering a drug through exit slots or holes of varying size and method of manufacturing the catheter

3. Claims: 60-62, 64-68, 70-72

Catheter for uniformly delivering a drug through gaps of a tubular coil spring and method of manufacturing the catheter

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