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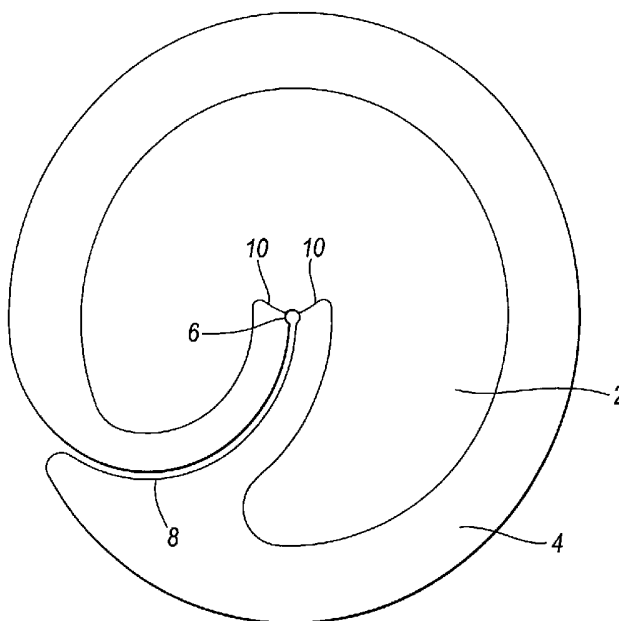
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(54) Title: WOUND DRESSING



(57) Abstract: A wound dressing for post-operative sites requiring drainage, comprising a thin film or film/foam laminate layer with an adhesive applied to one surface thereof; an absorbent layer positioned on the adhesive surface of the thin film layer, the dressing being provided with an aperture to accommodate a drainage tube; and the dressing being slit from the aperture to an outer edge of the dressing.

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1. Claims: 1-5,13-22

A wound dressing comprising an aperture to accomodate a drainage tube and a slit extending from the aperture to an outer edge of the dressing

2. Claims: 1,6-12

A wound dressing comprising an absorbent layer that becomes transparent on absorption of exudate.

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