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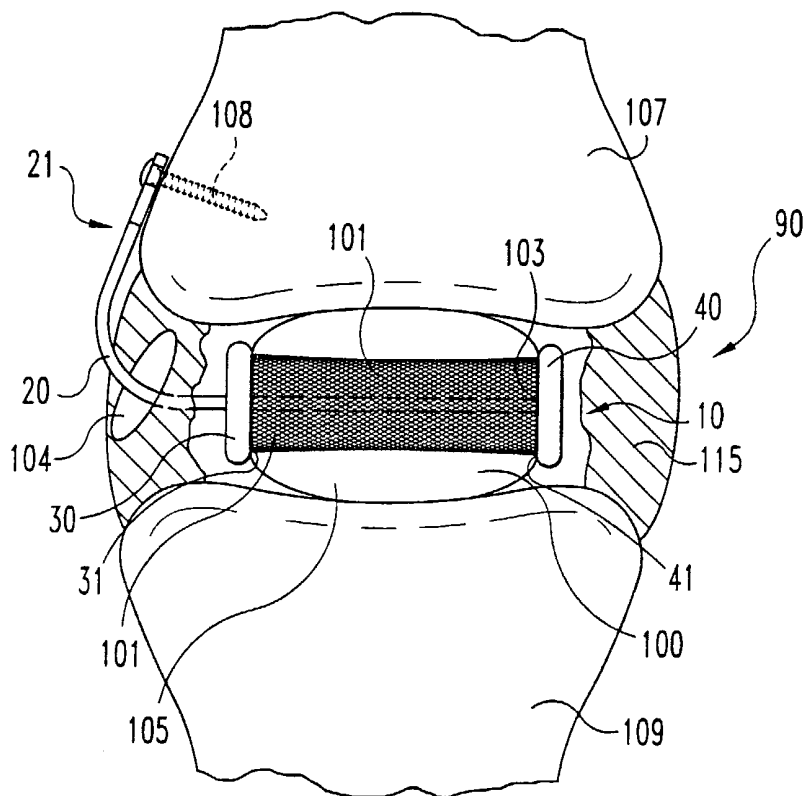
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(57) Abstract: Devices for anchoring spinal implants in an intervertebral disc space are provided. Spinal implants are also provided that are resistant to lateral deformation. The implants may include a flexible peripheral supporting band (101) disposed circumferentially about an elastic body. Methods for anchoring spinal implants and methods for reducing deformation of spinal implants are also provided.

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