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1. claims: 1-12

   A device for determining a flow rate of a fluid proximate to a portion of a tissue

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2. claims: 13-15

   An apparatus for displaying representations of parameters of an inflatable body and/or expandable body disposed proximate to a portion of a tissue

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3. claim: 16

   A method of performing a process on a tissue

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4. claims: 17, 18

   A method of determining an efficacy of a process performed on a tissue and a method of monitoring a flow of a fluid during a process performed on a tissue

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