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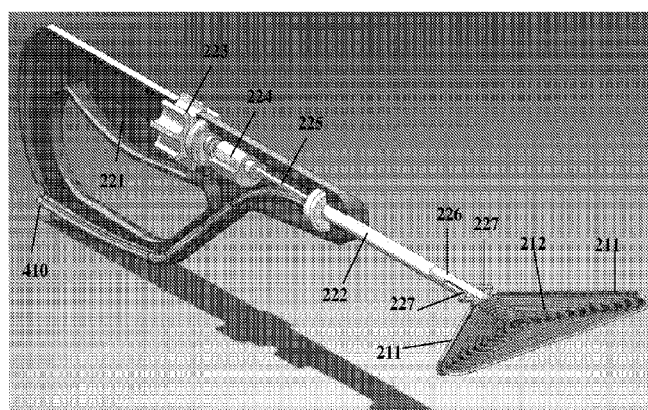


Figure 2

(57) Abstract: A surgical cooling device comprising a body having a handle and a shaft having a pair of axial cooling channels extending through the interior of the shaft; a cooling assembly comprising a pair of arms pivotally attached to the shaft and a foldable thermal exchanger mounted on the pair of arms and fluidly coupled to the pair of axial cooling channels, the thermal exchanger comprising an inlet port, an outlet port, and one or more exchange channels fluidly connecting the inlet port to the outlet port; and a mechanical control system for opening and closing the cooling assembly, the mechanical control system comprising a rotatable knob with a male threaded end, a plunger with a female threaded opening and an opening adapted to receive a rod, the rod engaging the plunger and a pair of wing connectors, the wing connectors attached to the rod and the pair of arms; wherein the cooling assembly unfolds from a closed position to an open position and folds from the open position to the closed position in response to rotation of the knob; and wherein a coolant flows through a first of the pair of axial cooling channels, through the one or more exchange channels, and out a second of the pair of cooling channels. BACKGROUND This invention relates to the field of medicine and more particularly to a surgical cooling device. The present invention is useful for cooling organs attendant to surgery. For example, in partial nephrectomies, the kidney is often cooled prior to performing the surgery. This specification describes a novel surgical cooling device useful in surgeries where organ cooling is desired. It may be applied in any setting by any approach (open, laparoscopic, robotic and/or any minimally invasive approach) on any organ where surface hypothermia is desired.



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