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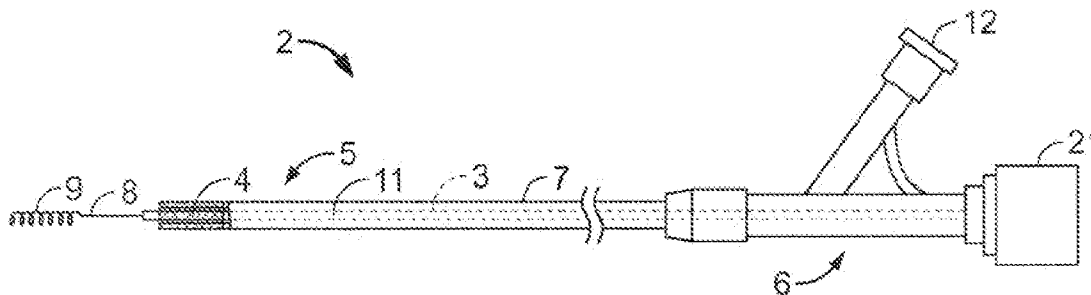
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(57) Abstract: An implantable medical endoprosthesis comprising an inner member (3), an outer member (7) and a hub (21).

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-23

Directed to a delivery system

2. claims: 24, 25

Directed to a hub

3. claims: 26, 27

Directed to a method of flushing multiple lumens

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