Title: SPIRAL BALLOON CATHETER

FIG. 2

Abstract: The present invention provides a balloon catheter system comprising one or more conduits (10) to which are attached a compliant balloon (12) having a non-helical shape in its deflated state, wherein said balloon is constructed such that it is capable of adopting a spiral or helical conformation upon inflation. In addition, the present invention also provides methods for using said balloon catheter system.
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