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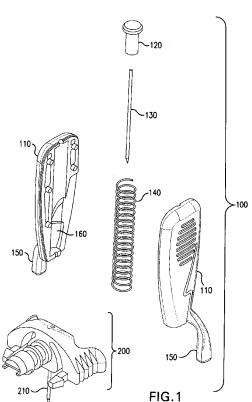
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(57) Abstract: An introducer is provided for introducing a sensor into the body of a patient. The introducer connects to a sensor hub. When the sensor hub and introducer are connected, the introducer needle is exposed. When the sensor hub and introducer are disconnected, a needle cover and the needle move with respect to each other so that the needle cover substantially covers the needle, protecting a user from being injured by the needle.



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Introducer with needle covering.

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Sensor set having a reusable adhesive.

3. claims: 60-62

Sensor hub wherein a sensor is extending into a carrier

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