**Title:** SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR TRANSLUMENAL CLOSURE IN NATURAL ORIFICE SURGERY

**Abstract:** To close a transluminal hole made in the stomach (or colon, etc.) pursuant to natural orifice surgical treatment of tissue in the peritoneal cavity, one or more guides (24) are engaged with the hole, and the guides (24) can be pulled to purse together tissue on opposite side of the hole. A closure device (12) is then advanced along the guides (24) over the pursed tissue to adhere the tissue together using heat, staples, sutures, etc.
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