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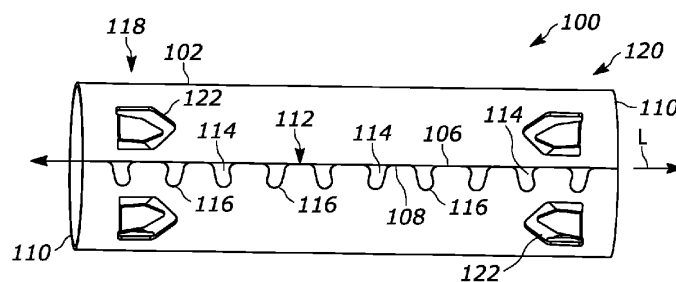


FIG. 6

(57) Abstract: Needle shield removers, drug delivery devices, and associated methods are provided that include a tubular body formed from a sheet with a closure having from a plurality of teeth extending laterally outwardly from one longitudinal edge of the sheet and a plurality of grooves extending laterally inwardly into the sheet of material from a second longitudinal edge of the sheet. The plurality of teeth are frictionally received within the plurality of grooves to thereby hold the body in a tubular configuration. The needle shield removers can further include a first plurality of barbs arrayed around a circumference of the body adjacent to a first end thereof and a second plurality of barbs arrayed around a circumference of the body adjacent to a second end thereof.



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