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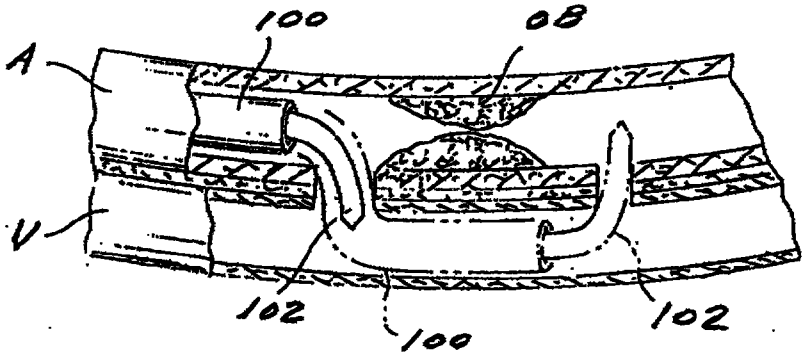
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(57) Abstract

This invention is methods, devices, and systems for re-vascularization, and/or performing other medical procedures at a vascular or non-vascular intra-corporeal locations within a mammalian body. The methods generally comprise the formation of at least one extravascular passageway from a blood vessel to a vascular or non-vascular target location. In the re-vascularization methods the extravascular passageway is utilized as a conduit for accessing or performing procedures at the vascular or non-vascular target location. Also disclosed are catheter devices (100, 103) and systems (138) which are usable to form the extravascular passageways of the invention, as well as apparatus for modifying, maintaining and/or closing such extravascular passageways.



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