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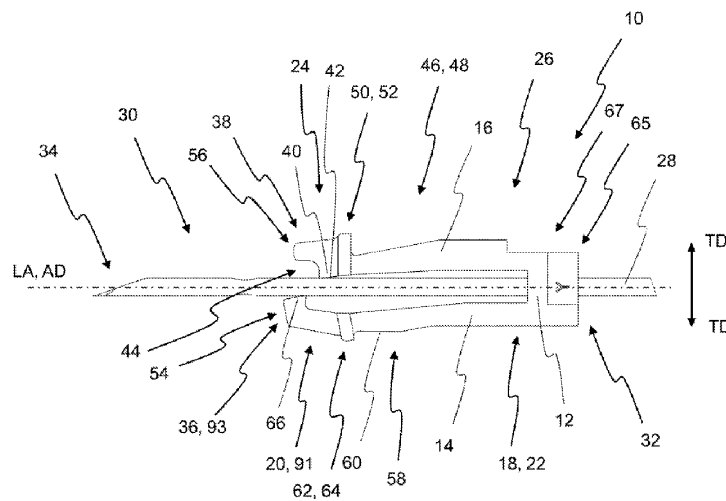


Fig. 1

(57) **Abstract:** The invention related to a needle guard (10) for a medical device (300), in particular for a safety IV catheter device, wherein the needle guard (10) is configured to slidably receive a needle (30) having a needle shaft (28) and a needle tip (34), wherein the needle guard (10) has a longitudinal axis (LA) defining an axial direction (AD), the needle guard (10) comprising: a base portion (12); a first arm (14); and a second arm (16); wherein the first arm (14) and the second arm (16) extend substantially in axial direction (AD) from a distal side (18) of the base portion (12), wherein the first arm (14) and the second arm (16) have a distal portion (20, 24) in axial distance from the base portion (12) and a proximal portion (22, 26) axially proximate to the base portion (12); wherein the base portion (12) comprises a passage (108) extending in axial direction (AD) therethrough from a proximal side (32) of the base portion (12) to the distal side (18) of the base portion (12) for movably receiving the needle shaft (28); wherein the first arm (14) has a transverse

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wall (36) transversely provided at the distal portion (20) of the first arm (14), wherein the second arm (16) has an axial protrusion (38) axially provided at the distal portion (24) of the second arm (16); wherein the needle guard (10) has a ready state, in which the needle shaft (28) extends through the needle guard (10) such that the needle tip (34) protrudes in axial direction (AD) beyond the needle guard (10) such that the needle shaft (28) extends between the transverse wall (36) and the axial protrusion (38), and wherein the needle guard (10) has a protecting state, in which the needle shaft (28) is retracted such that the needle tip (34) is located between the first arm (14) and the second arm (16) in a protected position, wherein in the protecting state of the needle guard (10) the distal portion (20) of the first arm (14) and the distal portion (24) of the second arm (16) are in an engaged position such that the axial protrusion (38) of the second arm (16) approaches the transverse wall (36) of the first arm (14).