

We claim:

1. A drug delivery system comprising:
  - a drug delivery device comprising a reservoir and a delivery cannula having a proximal end in fluid communication with the reservoir and a distal end to be received within a patient;
  - one or more sensors coupled to the drug delivery device;
  - a wireless transmitter; and
  - a controller coupled to the one or more sensors and the wireless transmitter, the controller being configured to:
    - use the one or more sensors to determine a condition or an operational state of the drug delivery device, and
    - control the wireless transmitter to wirelessly transmit one or more reports representative of the condition or the operational state of the drug delivery device.
2. The drug delivery system of claim 1, wherein:
  - the drug delivery device comprises a removable sterile barrier disposed about the distal end of the delivery cannula;
  - the one or more sensors are configured to detect movement of the removable sterile barrier; and
  - the controller is configured to:
    - use the one or more sensors to determine if the removable sterile barrier has been removed from the distal end of the delivery cannula, and
    - control the wireless transmitter to wirelessly transmit a report representative of removal of the removable sterile barrier if the removable sterile barrier has been removed from the distal end of the delivery cannula.
3. The drug delivery system of claim 1 or 2, the drug delivery device comprising:
  - a housing containing the reservoir and the delivery cannula; and
  - a removable sterile barrier disposed about a distal end of the housing, the removable sterile barrier having at least one roll inhibiting exterior side surface.
4. The drug delivery system of claim 3, at least a portion of the removable sterile barrier having a triangular cross section.

5. The drug delivery system of claim 3 or 4, the removable sterile barrier having a planar distal end surface, the at least one roll inhibiting exterior side surface being perpendicular to the planar distal end surface.

6. The drug delivery system of any one of claims 3 to 5, the removable sterile barrier including a cover member and a tubular member, the cover member covering an open end of the tubular member, and the tubular member including a plurality of outwardly protruding ribs to be gripped by the patient when removing the removable sterile barrier from the housing.

7. The drug delivery stem of any one of claims 3 to 6, the controller and the wireless transmitter being housed within the removable sterile barrier.

8. The drug delivery system of any one of claims 1 to 7, wherein the reservoir comprises a medicament.

9. The drug delivery system of claim 8, the medicament being selected from the group consisting of: TNF inhibitors, antibodies to the calcitonin gene-related peptide receptor, granulocyte colony stimulating factors, erythropoiesis stimulating agents, apelin receptor agonists, antibodies to proprotein convertase subtilisin/kexin Type 9 (PCSK9), and tissue inhibitors of metalloproteinases.

10. A drug delivery system comprising:  
a drug delivery device comprising a reservoir, a delivery cannula having a proximal end in fluid communication with the reservoir and a distal end to be received within a patient, and a removable sterile barrier disposed about the distal end of the delivery cannula;  
a first sensor configured to detect movement of the removable sterile barrier;  
a wireless transmitter; and  
a controller coupled to the first sensor and the wireless transmitter, the controller being configured to:  
use the first sensor to determine if the removable sterile barrier has been removed from the distal end of the delivery cannula, and  
control the wireless transmitter to wirelessly transmit a report representative of removal of the removable sterile barrier if the removable sterile barrier has been removed from the distal end of the delivery cannula.

11. The drug delivery system of claim 10, comprising:  
the drug delivery device comprising an actuator configured to trigger the drug delivery device;  
a second sensor configured to detect movement of the actuator; and  
the controller being coupled to the second sensor and configured to:  
use the second sensor to determine if the actuator has been used to trigger the drug delivery device, and  
control the wireless transmitter to wirelessly transmit a report representative of the triggering the drug delivery device if the actuator has been used.

12. The drug delivery system of claim 11, comprising:  
the drug delivery device comprising a needle shield moveable relative to the distal end of the delivery cannula between a proximal position and a distal position;  
a third sensor and a fourth sensor each being configured to detect movement of the needle shield; and  
the controller being coupled to the third sensor and configured to:  
use the third sensor to determine if the needle shield has been moved relative to the distal end of the delivery cannula,  
control the wireless transmitter to wirelessly transmit a report representative of insertion of the distal end of the delivery cannula into the patient if the needle shield has been moved relative to the distal end of the delivery cannula,  
use the fourth sensor to determine if the needle shield is disposed about the distal end of the delivery cannula, and  
control the wireless transmitter to wirelessly transmit a report representative of a completion of a delivery of a medicament from the reservoir to the patient if the needle shield is disposed about the distal end of the delivery cannula after having been moved from the proximal position to the distal position.

13. The drug delivery system of claim 10, comprising:  
the drug delivery device comprising a needle shield moveable relative to the distal end of the delivery cannula between a proximal position and a distal position;  
a second sensor configured to detect movement of the needle shield; and  
the controller being coupled to the second sensor and configured to:  
use the second sensor to determine if the needle shield has been moved relative to the distal end of the delivery cannula, and

control the wireless transmitter to wirelessly transmit a report representative of insertion of the distal end of the delivery cannula into the patient if the needle shield has been moved relative to the distal end of the delivery cannula.

14. The drug delivery system of claim 10, comprising:  
a needle shield moveable relative to the distal end of the delivery cannula between a proximal position and a distal position;  
a second sensor configured to detect movement of the needle shield; and  
the controller being coupled to the second sensor and configured to:  
use the second sensor to determine if the needle shield is disposed about the distal end of the delivery cannula, and

control the wireless transmitter to wirelessly transmit a report representative of a completion of a delivery of a medicament from the reservoir to the patient if the needle shield is disposed about the distal end of the delivery cannula after having been moved from the proximal position to the distal position.

15. The drug delivery system of claim 11, comprising:  
the drug delivery device comprising a needle shield moveable relative to the distal end of the delivery cannula;  
a third sensor configured to detect movement of the needle shield; and  
the controller being coupled to the third sensor and configured to:  
use the third sensor to determine if the needle shield has been moved relative to the distal end of the delivery cannula, and  
control the wireless transmitter to wirelessly transmit a report representative of insertion of the distal end of the delivery cannula into the patient if the needle shield has been moved relative to the distal end of the delivery cannula.

16. The drug delivery system of claim 11, comprising:  
the drug delivery device comprising a needle shield moveable relative to the distal end of the delivery cannula;  
a third sensor configured to detect movement of the needle shield; and  
the controller being coupled to the third sensor and configured to:  
use the third sensor to determine if the needle shield is disposed about the distal end of the delivery cannula, and

control the wireless transmitter to wirelessly transmit a report representative of a completion of a delivery of a medicament from the reservoir to the patient if the needle shield is disposed about the distal end of the delivery cannula.

17. The drug delivery system of claim 13, comprising:

the controller being configured to:

use the second sensor to determine if the needle shield is disposed about the distal end of the delivery cannula, and

control the wireless transmitter to wirelessly transmit a report representative of a completion of a delivery of a medicament from the reservoir to the patient if the needle shield is disposed about the distal end of the delivery cannula after having been moved from the proximal position to the distal position.

18. The drug delivery system of any one of claims 10 to 17, wherein the first sensor, the wireless transmitter, and the controller are embedded in the removable sterile barrier.

19. The drug delivery system of any one of claims 10 to 18, wherein the controller is configured to limit delivery of a medicament contained in the reservoir if it is determined that the removable sterile barrier has been prematurely removed.

20. The drug delivery system of claim 19, wherein the controller is configured to determine if the reservoir has been replaced if it is determined that the removable sterile barrier has been prematurely removed, and to permit delivery if it is determined that the reservoir has been replaced.

21. The drug delivery system of any one of claims 10 to 20, wherein the controller is configured to limit delivery of a medicament contained in the reservoir unless it is determined that the removable sterile barrier has been properly removed.

22. The drug delivery system of any one of claims 10 to 21, wherein the controller is configured to use the sterility sensor to determine if the removable sterile barrier has been removed from the distal end of the delivery cannula and to determine if a time period has elapsed, and to control the wireless transmitter to transmit a report if the removable sterile barrier has been removed from the distal end of the delivery cannula and the time period has elapsed.

23. The drug delivery system of claim 22, wherein the drug delivery device comprises a lock and the controller is coupled to the lock, the controller being configured to actuate the lock if the removable sterile barrier has been removed from the distal end of the delivery cannula and the time period has elapsed.

24. The drug delivery system of any one of claims 10 to 23, wherein the reservoir comprises a medicament.

25. The drug delivery system of claim 24, the medicament being selected from the group consisting of: TNF inhibitors, antibodies to the calcitonin gene-related peptide receptor, granulocyte colony stimulating factors, erythropoiesis stimulating agents, apelin receptor agonists, antibodies to proprotein convertase subtilisin/kexin Type 9 (PCSK9), and tissue inhibitors of metalloproteinases.

26. A method for use with a drug delivery device comprising a reservoir, a delivery cannula having a proximal end in fluid communication with the reservoir and a distal end to be received within a patient, and a removable sterile barrier disposed about the second end of the delivery cannula, the method comprising:

determining if the removable sterile barrier has been removed from the distal end of the delivery cannula; and

transmitting a report representative of the removal of the removable sterile barrier if the removable sterile barrier has been removed from the distal end of the delivery cannula.

27. The method of claim 26, further comprising:  
receiving the report representative of the removal of the removable sterile barrier at a first computing device; and  
transmitting the report from the first computing device to a second computing device.

28. The method of claim 26 or 27, further comprising:  
limiting delivery of a medicament contained in the reservoir if it is determined that the removable sterile barrier has been removed.

29. The method of claim 26 or 27, further comprising:

determining if the reservoir has been replaced if it is determined that the removable sterile barrier has been removed; and

permitting delivery of a medicament contained in the reservoir if it is determined that the reservoir has been replaced.

30. The method of any one of claims 26 to 29, further comprising:  
limiting delivery of a medicament contained in the reservoir until it is determined that the removable sterile barrier has been removed.

31. The method of any one of claims 26 to 30, further comprising:  
determining if a time period has elapsed following removal of the sterile barrier; and  
transmitting a report if the removable sterile barrier has been removed from the distal end of the delivery cannula and the time period has elapsed.

32. The method of claim 31, further comprising:  
locking the drug delivery device if the removable sterile barrier has been removed from the distal end of the delivery cannula and the time period has elapsed.

33. The method of any one of claims 26 to 32, wherein the reservoir comprises a medicament.

34. The method of claim 33, wherein the medicament is selected from the group consisting of: TNF inhibitors, antibodies to the calcitonin gene-related peptide receptor, granulocyte colony stimulating factors, erythropoiesis stimulating agents, apelin receptor agonists, antibodies to proprotein convertase subtilisin/kexin Type 9 (PCSK9), and tissue inhibitors of metalloproteinases.