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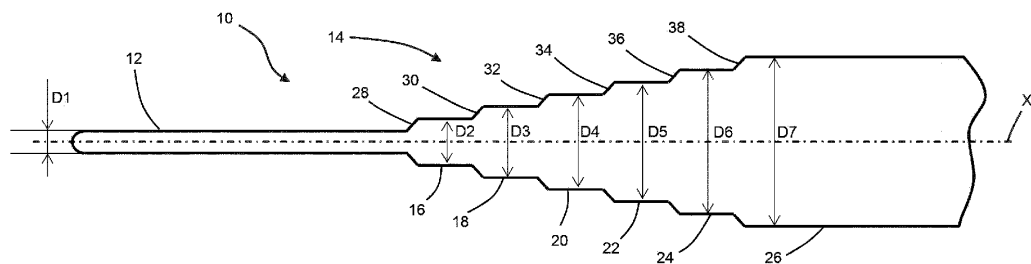


Fig. 2

(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a probe 10 for detecting an opening size of an opening in a blood vessel. The probe 10 comprises a first portion 12 having a first outer diameter D1, and a stepped portion 14 adjacent to the first portion 12. The stepped portion 14 comprises at least a first detection portion 16 and a second detection portion 18, the first detection portion 16 having a second outer diameter D2 and the second detection portion 18 having a third outer diameter D3. The second outer diameter D2 is larger than the first outer diameter D1 and smaller than the third outer diameter D3.

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