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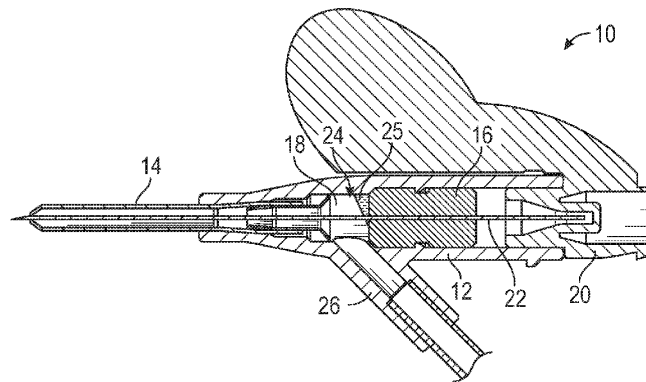


FIG. 1A
(Prior Art)

(57) Abstract: A catheter assembly may include a catheter adapter, which may include a distal end, a proximal end, a lumen extending between the distal end and the proximal end, and a side port. A septum may be disposed within the lumen of the catheter assembly. The side port may include a lumen in fluid communication with the lumen of the catheter adapter. The lumen of the side port may be distally-facing, which may facilitate flushing of fluid trapped proximate a distal face of the septum. The catheter assembly may include a catheter secured within the catheter adapter and extending distally from the catheter adapter.

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