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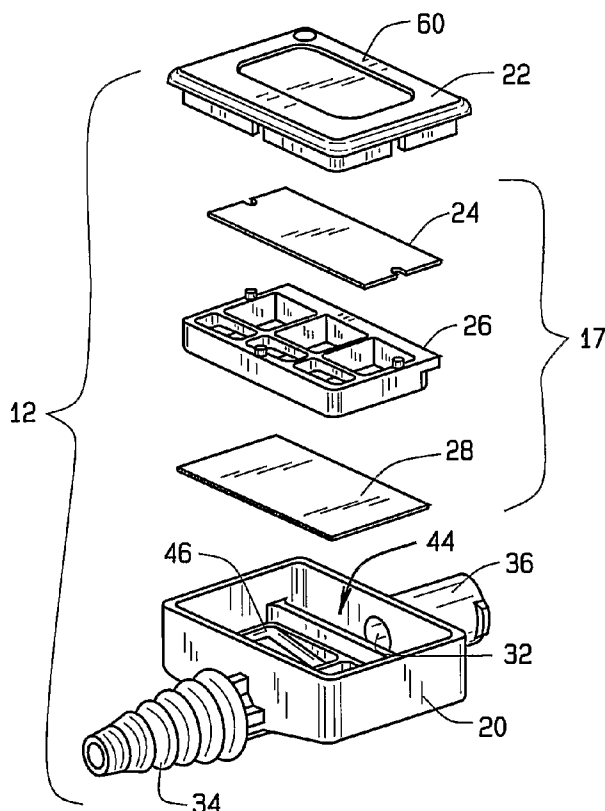
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(54) Title: GASTRIC TUBE PLACEMENT INDICATOR



(57) Abstract: A gastric tube placement device (10) having a carbon dioxide indicator (12) is disclosed. The carbon dioxide indicator (12) comprises a rectangular housing (18) defining a passageway (44) in communication with opposing ports (30, 32) that permits substantial axial flow through the passageway (44) with a carbon dioxide detector (17) disposed therein. A Y-port connector (16) having first and second legs (52, 54) in communication with a main port (56) with a gastric tube (14) coupled to the inside of the connector (16) is provided for insertion of the distal end of the gastric tube (14) through the esophagus of the patient. The carbon dioxide detector (17) is disposed inside the rectangular housing (18) which is configured to minimize the dead space inside the housing (18) and facilitates a substantially axial airflow through the passageway (44) when a syringe or similar air-evacuating device (50) is engaged to the rectangular housing (18) and draws air from the housing (18).



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