

CLAIMS

1. A catheter system, comprising:
 - a catheter adapter having a distal end, a proximal end axially aligned with the distal end, and a lumen extending between the distal end and the proximal end;
 - a catheter extending distally from the distal end of the catheter adapter;
 - an extension tube having a distal end and a proximal end, wherein the distal end of the extension tube is coupled to the proximal end of the catheter adapter; and
 - a connector coupled to the proximal end of the extension tube, wherein the connector, the extension tube, the lumen, and the catheter form a straight pathway for delivery of an instrument to the catheter system.
2. The catheter system of claim 1, wherein the extension tube is rigid or semi-rigid.
3. The catheter system of claim 1, wherein the distal end of the extension tube is coupled to the proximal end of the catheter adapter via a luer adapter, wherein the luer adapter is selectively coupled to a corresponding luer adapter disposed on the proximal end of the catheter adapter.
4. The catheter system of claim 1, wherein the distal end of the extension tube is fixedly coupled to the proximal end of the catheter adapter.
5. The catheter system of claim 1, wherein the extension tube is a first extension tube, wherein the catheter system further comprises a second extension tube coupled to the first extension tube, wherein the second extension tube is disposed at an angle with respect to the first extension tube.
6. The catheter system of claim 5, wherein a hardness of the first extension tube is greater than a hardness of the second extension tube.

7. The catheter system of claim 5, wherein the connector comprises a Y-adapter having a first port and a second port, wherein the first port is configured to couple with an instrument delivery device, wherein the second extension tube extends from a second port of the Y-adapter.
8. The catheter system of claim 1, further comprising a stabilization feature disposed between the connector and the distal end of the extension tube.
9. The catheter system of claim 8, wherein the stabilization feature comprises a platform, wherein the platform comprises an adhesive layer configured to contact skin of a patient.
10. The catheter system of claim 8, further comprising fabric coupled to the stabilization feature and extending outwardly from the stabilization feature, wherein the fabric comprises an adhesive layer configured to contact skin of a patient.
11. The catheter system of claim 8, wherein the stabilization feature rotates on the extension tube about a longitudinal axis of the extension tube.
12. The catheter system of claim 8, wherein the extension tube extends through the stabilization feature, wherein the stabilization feature is fixed with respect to the extension tube.
13. The catheter system of claim 1, wherein the connector comprises a blood control septum.
14. The catheter system of claim 1, wherein the connector is removably coupled to the proximal end of the extension tube.
15. The catheter system of claim 1, wherein the connector is fixedly coupled to the proximal end of the extension tube.
16. An extension set for a catheter assembly, comprising:
 - an extension tube having a distal end and a proximal end, wherein the distal end of the extension tube is configured to couple to the proximal end of the catheter adapter; and
 - a first connector coupled to the proximal end of the extension tube; and

a second connector coupled to the distal end of the extension tube, wherein the first and second connectors and the extension tube form a straight pathway for delivery of an instrument to the catheter system, wherein the straight pathway is configured to align with a longitudinal axis of the catheter assembly.

17. The extension set of claim 16, wherein the extension tube is rigid or semi-rigid.
18. The extension set of claim 16, wherein the extension tube is a first extension tube, wherein the catheter system further comprises a second extension tube coupled to the first extension tube, wherein the second extension tube is disposed at an angle with respect to the first extension tube.
19. The catheter system of claim 5, wherein a hardness of the first extension tube is greater than a hardness of the second extension tube.
20. The catheter system of claim 1, further comprising a stabilization feature disposed between the connector and the distal end of the extension tube.