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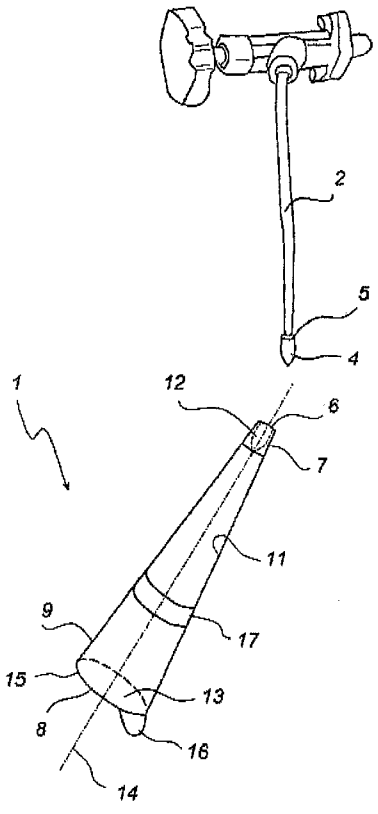
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(54) Title: PROTECTIVE SHEATH



(57) Abstract: The present invention provides a protective tubular sheath (1) for a lance (2) immersible in a contaminating liquid (3), said lance (2) having a discharge nozzle (4) at its distal end (5), said shealh (1) comprising a neck opening (6) at one end (7) adapted for releasable attachment to said lance (2) adjacent said nozzle (4) and further having a discharge opening (8) at its other end (9), said sheath (1) being protectively evertable over said lance (2) such that said discharge opening (8) moves over said neck opening (6) lo protectively cover an immersible portion (10) of said lance (2). The invention also provides a method of protecting the lance, comprising the steps of providing the tubular sheath (1), releasably attaching the neck opening (6) to the lance (2) adjacent the nozzle (4), and everting the sheath (1) over the lance (2) such that the discharge opening (6) moves over the neck opening (6) to protectively cover an immersible portion (10) of the lance (2).

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