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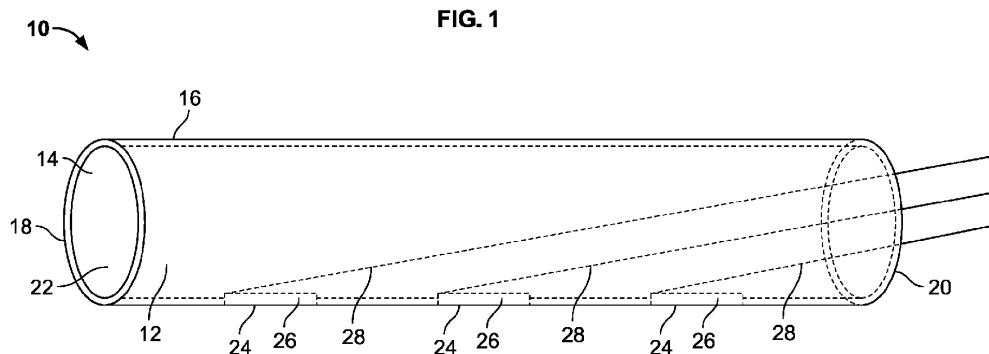
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(57) Abstract: A perfusion sheath with covered perfusion apertures. The covers each have a pull affixed thereto. The pull is used to remove a perfusion aperture cover from a perfusion aperture when the perfusion sheath is deployed in a patient. The perfusion sheath is deployed in the patient through an arteriotomy. When deployed the pull or pulls extend out of the arteriotomy. Exerting a tension on the pulls causes the pull to tear away the perfusion aperture cover from the perfusion aperture. The perfusion sheath has a plurality of perfusion apertures, each positioned to provide limb perfusion, when the cover is removed for different depths of arteriotomy. Once the perfusion sheath is deployed, the pull is tensioned to remove the cover from a selected perfusion aperture that will provide limb perfusion for the depth of the arteriotomy.

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