WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An expandable sheath comprising:

an elongated inner member including at least one foldable axial portion;

an outer elastomeric member extending at least partially over the inner member and configured to exert a compressive force onto the inner member to bias the at least one foldable axial portion into a folded configuration; and

a proximal seal including a middle member extending from an outer surface of the inner member to an inner surface of the outer elastomeric member, the proximal seal configured to guard against proximal migration of fluid from a distal free end of the expandable sheath to a proximal end of the expandable sheath;

wherein the elongated inner member defines a central lumen, a first circumferential portion including first and second longitudinal edges, and a second circumferential portion extending between the first and second longitudinal edges; and

wherein the elongated inner member further includes a distal tip, the distal tip including a flap extending from the first longitudinal edge and at least to the second longitudinal edge in an open configuration of the elongated inner member.

2. The expandable sheath of claim 1, wherein the inner member and outer elastomeric member have an unconnected length distal to the proximal seal.

3. The expandable sheath of claim 2, wherein the unconnected length extends distally from the proximal seal to the distal free end of the expandable sheath.

4. The expandable sheath of either claim 2 or claim 3, wherein the proximal seal is configured to block a path starting at the distal free end and extending proximally to the proximal seal.

5. The expandable sheath of any one of claims 1-4, further comprising an outer jacket extending over the outer elastomeric member at the proximal seal.

6. The expandable sheath of any one of claims 1-4, wherein the outer elastomeric member is fused to the inner member at the seal.

7. The expandable sheath of any one of claims 1-6, wherein the outer elastomeric member is foldable at the proximal seal along with the inner member.

8. The expandable sheath of any one of claims 1-7, wherein the inner member is foldable independent of the outer elastomeric member distal to the seal.

9. The expandable sheath of any one of claims 1-8, wherein the elongated inner member is configured to at least partially unfold to an open configuration for passage of an implant.

10. The expandable sheath of any one of claims 1-9, further comprising a strain relief portion extending distally from the proximal end of the expandable sheath and wherein the proximal seal has a proximal end adjacent a distal end of the strain relief portion.

~~11. The expandable sheath of any one of claims 1-10, wherein the elongated inner member defines a central lumen, a first circumferential portion including first and second longitudinal edges, and a second circumferential portion extending between the first and second longitudinal edges.~~

~~12~~11. The expandable sheath of claim ~~11~~10, wherein the elongated inner member is configured to crease at the first and second longitudinal edges into the folded configuration wherein the second circumferential portion is positioned at least partially between the overlapping longitudinal edges.

~~13. The expandable sheath of either claim 11 or claim 12, wherein the elongated inner member further includes a distal tip, the distal tip including a flap extending from the first longitudinal edge and at least to the second longitudinal edge in an open configuration of the elongated inner member.~~

~~14. A method of making an expandable sheath, the method comprising:~~

~~forming a folded configuration in an elongated inner member by forming a crease along a first longitudinal edge and a second longitudinal edge of the elongated inner member so that a first circumferential portion is positioned at least partially between the longitudinal edges in the folded configuration;~~

~~covering the elongated member with an elastomeric outer member; and~~

~~forming a proximal seal proximal a distal free end of the expandable sheath by extending a middle member from an outer surface of the inner member to an inner surface of the elastomeric outer member.~~

~~15. A method of claim 14, further comprising blocking a path extending between the inner and outer members with the proximal seal.~~

~~16. A method of either claim 14 or claim 15, further comprising fusing the elastomeric outer member to the inner member at the seal.~~

~~17. A method of any one of claims 14-16, further comprising extending an outer jacket over the outer elastomeric member at the proximal seal.~~

~~18. A method of either claim 16 or claim 17, further comprising stretching the inner and elastomeric outer members over a mandrel into an open configuration for fusing.~~

~~19~~12. An expandable sheath comprising:

an elongated inner member defining a central lumen, a first circumferential portion including a first and second longitudinal edges, and a second circumferential portion extending between the first and second longitudinal edges,

wherein the elongated inner member is configured to crease at the first and second longitudinal edges into a folded configuration wherein the second circumferential portion is positioned at least partially between the overlapping longitudinal edges; and

an outer elastomeric member extending around the elongated inner member and configured to bias the elongated inner member into the folded configuration;

wherein the elongated inner member further includes a distal tip, the distal tip including a flap extending from the first longitudinal edge and at least to the second longitudinal edge in an open configuration of the elongated inner member.

~~20~~13. The expandable sheath of claim ~~19~~12, wherein the flap is configured to slide circumferentially over an outer surface of the first circumferential portion when the elongated inner member is biased into the folded configuration by the outer elastomeric member.

~~21~~14. The expandable sheath of either claim 12~~19~~ or claim ~~20~~13, wherein the second circumferential portion has a distal edge extending longitudinally at least to a proximal edge of the flap.

~~22~~15. The expandable sheath of claim ~~21~~14, wherein the proximal edge of the flap extends over the distal edge of the second circumferential portion onto an outer surface of the second circumferential portion.

~~23~~16. The expandable sheath of any one of claims ~~19~~12-~~22~~15, wherein the flap includes a longitudinal section of the second circumferential portion cut along the second longitudinal edge.

~~24~~17. The expandable sheath of claim ~~23~~16, wherein the longitudinal section is also cut circumferentially from the distal end of the second circumferential portion.

~~25~~18. The expandable sheath of either claim 16~~23~~ or claim 17~~24~~, wherein the flap further includes an overlap extension that extends circumferentially from the longitudinal section.

~~26~~19. The expandable sheath of claim ~~25~~18, wherein the overlap extension extends proximally from the longitudinal section.

~~27~~20. The expandable sheath of any one of claims ~~19~~12-~~26~~19, wherein the distal tip further comprises an elastomeric end extending from a distal end of the elongated inner member.

~~28~~21. The expandable sheath of claim 27, wherein the elastomeric end has a distally tapering shape.

~~29~~22. The expandable sheath of any one of claims ~~19~~12-~~28~~21, further comprising a marker embedded in the distal tip of the elongate inner member.

~~30~~23. A method of making an expandable sheath, the method comprising:

forming a folded configuration in an elongated inner member by forming a crease along a first longitudinal edge and a second longitudinal edge of the elongated inner member so that a first circumferential portion is positioned at least partially between the longitudinal edges in the folded configuration;

forming a flap on a distal tip of an inner member so that the flap extends from a first longitudinal edge of the inner member at least to a second longitudinal edge of the inner member; and

covering the elongated inner member with an elastomeric outer member.

~~31~~24. The method of claim ~~30~~23, wherein forming the flap includes extending the flap circumferentially over an outer surface of the first circumferential portion.

~~32~~25. The method of either claim 23~~30~~ or claim ~~31~~24, wherein forming the flap includes forming a proximal edge on the flap that extends over a distal edge and onto an outer surface of the second circumferential portion.

~~33~~26. The method of claim ~~32~~25, wherein the flap is formed at least partially by cutting a longitudinal section from the second circumferential portion.

~~34~~27. The method of claim ~~33~~26, wherein the flap is formed at least partially by attaching an overlap extension to the longitudinal section.

~~35~~28. The method of any one of claims ~~30~~23-~~34~~27, further comprising attaching an elastomeric end to a distal end of the elongated inner member.

~~36~~29. The method of claim ~~35~~28, further comprising forming a tapered shape into the elastomeric end.