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(54) Title: TISSUE RETRACTOR ASSEMBLY

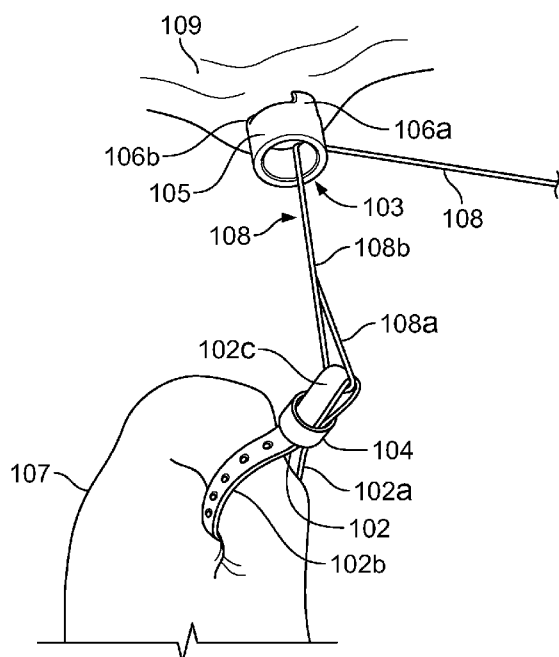


FIG. 9

(57) Abstract: A tissue retractor assembly is provided having a cannula which houses a grasper and an anchor, the grasper extended axially from the cannula, the grasper having legs for gripping tissue and a locking ring for locking the legs, and an anchor having sharpened legs, the grasper being secured and adjusted relative to the anchor by a length of suture. Another tissue retractor assembly is provided having a cannula which houses an anchor, a wire form and a grasper, the wire form a coiled spring which expands radially, and a grasper for pulling tissue through the form. A further retractor assembly is provided having a cannula which houses an anchor and a grasper, the grasper a loop of suture configured to grasp and tighten around tissue. Another tissue retractor assembly is provided having a cannula which houses a first and second graspers, the graspers defined by C-shaped clips.

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