Claims

1. A sheath for introducer, which is formed from a tubular member provided with a hollow portion through which an elongated body is freely insertable, and which includes a distal portion and a main body portion, wherein

there is provided a hydrophilic lubricating coating on an ~~the~~ outer surface of the main body portion, and

on the outer surface of the distal portion, there is provided a hydrophobic coating having a friction coefficient lower than the friction coefficient of the hydrophilic lubricating coating during the dry period thereof;

wherein the sheath for introducer is further provided on an inner surface of the distal portion with a hydrophobic coating.

2. The sheath for introducer according to claim 1, wherein at the boundary portion between the distal portion and the main body portion, the hydrophobic coating lies over the hydrophilic lubricating coating.

3. The sheath for introducer according to claim 2, wherein when swelling by absorbing blood, the hydrophilic lubricating coating has a diameter approximately equal to or greater than the outer diameter of the hydrophobic coating.

4. The sheath for introducer according to claim 1, wherein the hydrophobic coating lies over the hydrophilic lubricating coating.

~~5. The sheath for introducer according to any of claims 1 to 3, wherein the sheath for introducer is further provided on the inner surface of the sheath distal portion with a hydrophobic coating having a friction coefficient lower than friction coefficient of the sheath tube.~~