CLAIMS

We Claim:

~~1. A treatment device, comprising:~~

~~an elongate tissue access assembly coupled to a handle assembly, wherein the elongate tissue access assembly is configured to be inserted within an introducer sheath; and~~

~~a tissue engagement structure configured to engage and manipulate a prostate gland, wherein the tissue engagement structure is attached to a distal end portion of the elongate tissue access assembly or the introducer sheath, wherein the tissue engagement structure includes a distal end portion with an expandable member comprising curved portions such that the tissue engagement structure can transition from a contracted state, in which the curved portions are compressed toward a midline defined by a longitudinal axis between the curved portions, to an expanded state, in which the curved portions expand outward past the midline defined by the longitudinal axis.~~

~~2. The treatment device of claim 1, wherein the curved portions are biased toward the expanded state.~~

~~3. The treatment device of claim 1, wherein the elongate tissue access assembly is inserted through the expandable member such that an inwardly-facing surface of one or more of the curved portions is flush with a portion of an outwardly-facing surface of the elongate tissue access assembly.~~

~~4. The treatment device of claim 3, wherein the elongate tissue access assembly comprises one or more tabs removably fastened over a distal portion of the expandable member.~~

~~5. The treatment device of claim 1, wherein the tissue engagement structure further comprises a distal attachment piece situated substantially perpendicular to the curved portions.~~

~~6. The treatment device of claim 1, wherein the curved portions comprise two arms that terminate with curved ends that together create a distal channel configured to receive a distal end of a treatment device.~~

~~7. The treatment device of claim 1, wherein the elongate tissue access assembly further comprises an aperture and a needle assembly extendable through the aperture.~~

~~8. The treatment device of claim 7, wherein the needle assembly is configured to curve toward the handle assembly as the needle assembly is ejected through the aperture.~~

~~9. The treatment device of claim 1, wherein the tissue engagement structure further comprises telescopic arms coupled within a sleeve and configured to deploy the curved portions.~~

~~10. The treatment device of claim 1, wherein the tissue engagement structure further comprises interlocking telescopic arms.~~

~~11. The treatment device of claim 1, wherein the curved portions are attached to the distal end portion of the elongate tissue access assembly and connect to form a looped expandable member slidable through the introducer sheath.~~

~~12. The treatment device of claim 1, wherein the curved portions connect to form a looped expandable member attached to a distal end of the introducer sheath.~~

~~13~~1. A system for engaging and manipulating a median lobe of a prostate gland, comprising:

~~an anchor~~a delivery device comprising an elongate tissue access assembly, wherein the elongate tissue access assembly is configured to be inserted within an introducer sheath;

a tissue anchor housed within the anchor delivery device; and

a tissue engagement structure configured to engage and manipulate a median lobe of a prostate gland, wherein the tissue engagement structure is attached to a distal end portion of the elongate tissue access assembly ~~or the introducer sheath~~, wherein the tissue engagement structure includes a distal end portion with an expandable member secured to the distal end portion of the elongate tissue access assembly, wherein the expandable member comprises ~~comprising~~ curved portions having connected distal ends such that the tissue engagement structure can transition from a contracted state, in which the curved portions are compressed toward a midline defined by a longitudinal axis ~~between the curved portions~~of the tissue engagement structure, to an expanded state, in which the curved portions expand outward ~~past~~ from the midline defined by the longitudinal axis of the tissue engagement structure.

~~14~~2. The system of claim ~~13~~1, wherein ~~the elongate tissue access assembly is inserted through~~ the expandable member comprises arms with an asymmetrical cross-section such that a length along a first axis is different than a length along a second axis that is orthogonal to the first axis~~such that an inwardly-facing surface of one or more of the curved portions is flush with a portion of an outwardly-facing surface of the elongate tissue access assembly~~.

~~15~~3. The system of claim ~~13~~2, wherein ~~the tissue engagement structure further comprises a distal attachment piece situated substantially perpendicular to the curved portions~~a proximal portion of the expandable member is fixedly attached to the elongate tissue access assembly.

~~16~~4. The system of claim ~~13~~1, wherein the tissue engagement structure comprises a slidable portion coupled to the elongate tissue access assembly~~curved portions comprise two arms that terminate with curved ends that together create a distal channel configured to receive a distal end of a treatment device~~.

~~17~~5. The system of claim ~~13~~1, wherein movement of the tissue engagement structure relative to the elongate tissue access assembly transitions the tissue engagement structure from the contracted state to the expanded state~~the anchor delivery device further comprises a needle assembly configured to curve as the needle assembly is ejected through an aperture defined by a distal end portion of the elongate tissue access assembly~~.

~~18~~6. The system of claim ~~13~~1, wherein the expandable member comprises a first pair of arms~~the tissue engagement structure further comprises telescopic arms coupled within a sleeve and configured to deploy the curved portions~~.

~~19~~7. The system of claim ~~13~~6, wherein the expandable member further comprises a second pair of arms~~the curved portions are attached to the distal end portion of the elongate tissue access assembly and connect to form a looped expandable member slidable through the introducer sheath~~.

~~20. The system of claim 13, wherein the curved portions connect to form a looped structure attached to a distal end of the introducer sheath.~~