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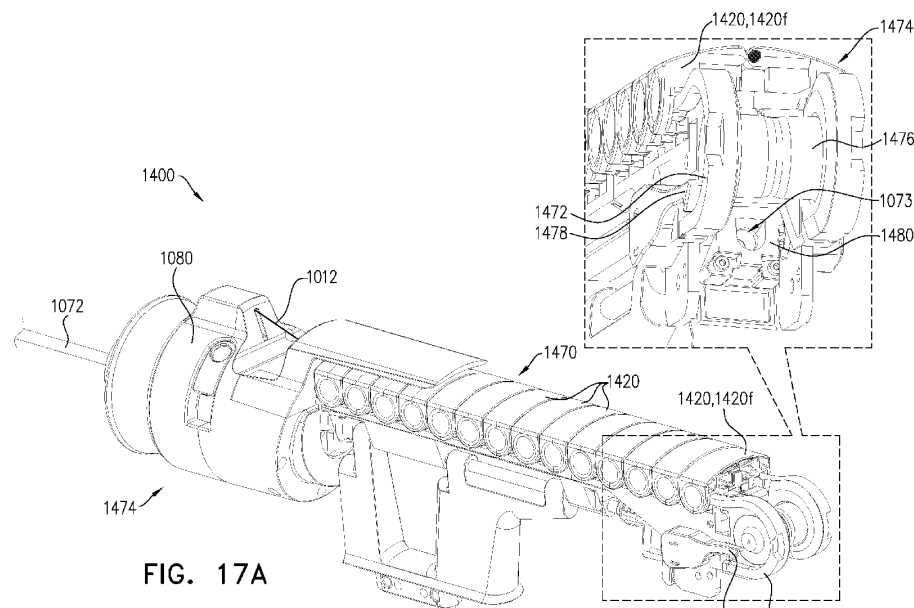


FIG. 17A

(57) Abstract: A tube (1072) has a distal opening and a proximal end that defines a proximal opening. An extracorporeal unit (1274, 1474) is coupled to the proximal end, defines a deployment position, and comprises a track (1272, 1472) that leads to the deployment position. Each cartridge (1220, 1240) of a series holds a respective tissue anchor (1020) and is coupled to the extracorporeal unit at a respective initial position. Each cartridge is moveable along the track from the respective initial position to the deployment position such that the cartridge holds its tissue anchor opposite the proximal opening. An anchor driver (1060) can advance the tissue anchor distally out of its cartridge, through the proximal opening, and through the tube. Each cartridge is subsequently removable from the deployment position thereby vacating the deployment position for a successive cartridge of the series. Other applications are also described.

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