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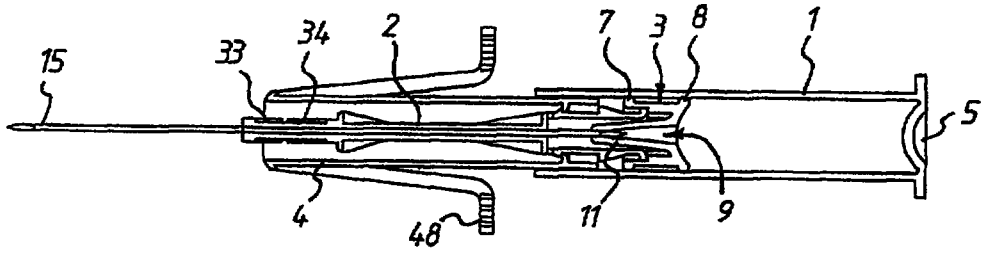
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A safety syringe has a barrel (1), a piston with a piston body (2) and a piston head (3), and a protective sheath (4) which carries piston engaging formations. A fluid pathway extends through the head (3) and body (2) and the body (2) is locatable to extend within the sheath (4) and be engaged by the piston engaging formations, with the head (3) outside the sheath (4) and connected to and in fluid communication with the body (2). The barrel (1) is slidable over the head (3) and sheath (4) in a discharge position to release the piston engaging formations and grip the released piston, the barrel (1) being slidable from the discharge position to withdraw the released piston substantially from the sheath to a safe locked position relative to the sheath.