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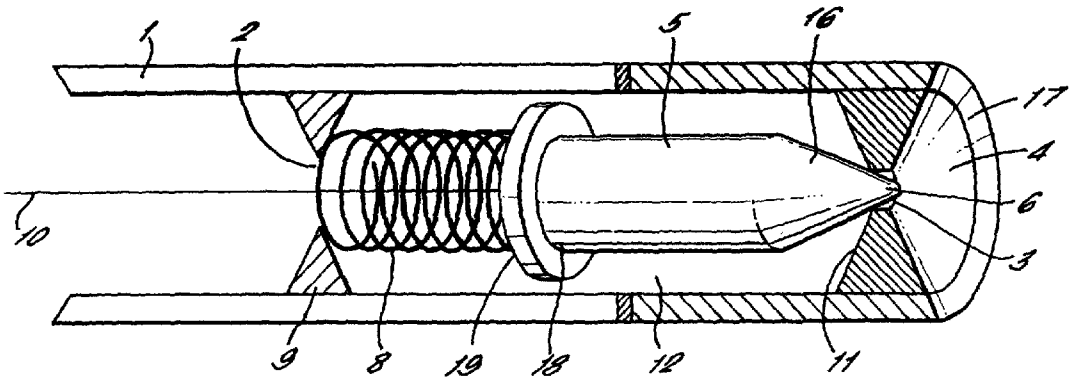
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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a device for temporarily shielding the end of a surgical instrument sharp. The device comprises a housing (1) having a proximal end and a distal end. An opening (3) is formed in the distal end of the housing for receiving an end of a surgical instrument sharp (7) therethrough. A body (5) located in the housing is movable between a first position in which an end of the body obstructs the opening and a second position in which the body is retracted from the opening. A resilient means (8) is provided for biassing the body into the first position. The device further comprises actuation means (10) to move the body against the action of the resilient means into the second position.

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