

I/We claim:

1. An apparatus, comprising:
 - (a) a body, wherein the body includes an engagement feature configured to engage a deployment instrument; and
 - (b) a pair of rigid legs extending from the body, wherein the legs are parallel with each other, wherein each leg has a sharp tip, wherein the legs both extend along a plane;wherein the body defines a guide opening, wherein the guide opening is oriented transversely relative to the plane associated with the legs, wherein the guide opening is sized to receive a cannula having a generally flat profile.
2. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the engage feature comprises a first retaining pin opening, wherein the first retaining pin opening is configured to receive a retaining pin of a deployment instrument.
3. The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the engage feature further comprises a second retaining pin opening, wherein the second retaining pin opening is further configured to receive a retaining pin of a deployment instrument.
4. The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the first and second retaining pin openings are coaxially aligned with each other.
5. The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the first retaining pin opening is located at an upper side of the guide opening, wherein the second retaining pin opening is located at a bottom side of the guide opening.
6. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the body has an upper surface and a lower surface, wherein the legs extend from the lower surface, wherein each leg has an upper end that is exposed relative to the upper surface.

7. The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the legs comprise a ferrous material.
8. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the body further includes at least one chamfer.
9. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the body further includes at least one rib in the guide opening, wherein the at least one rib is configured to reduce contact between the guide and a cannula disposed in the guide opening.
10. The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the at least one rib is positioned on an upper side of the guide opening.
11. The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the at least one rib comprises a pair of ribs positioned on opposite lateral sides of the guide opening.
12. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the body further includes at least one chamfered surface leading into the guide opening.
13. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the legs have straight lower portions and bent upper portions, wherein the straight lower portions include the sharp tips, wherein the bent upper portions are located in the body.
14. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the bent upper portions are bent outwardly relative to a centerline of the body.
15. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising an applier instrument, wherein the applier instrument comprises:
 - (i) a shaft, and
 - (ii) a head portion located at an end of the shaft, wherein the head portion comprises:
 - (A) an engagement feature configured to releasably engage the engagement feature of the body, and

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- (B) a marking feature configured to mark a sclerotomy site on an eye.

16. The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the engagement feature comprises a retaining pin.

17. The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the engagement feature comprises one or more magnets.

18. An apparatus, comprising:

- (a) a shaft having a first end and a second end;
- (b) a first marking element at the first end, wherein the first marking element includes prongs configured to define a spacing corresponding to either or both of:
 - (i) a distance between a limbus and a pars plana, or
 - (ii) legs of a guide tack;
- (c) a second marking element at the second end, wherein the second marking element includes prongs configured to define ends of a sclerotomy site; and
- (d) a guide tack retaining feature at the second end, wherein the guide tack retaining feature is configured to releasably retain a guide tack.

19. A method of inserting a cannula into an eye of a patient, the method comprising:

- (a) inserting legs of a guide tack into a pars plana region of the eye, wherein the guide tack further includes a head secured to upper ends of the legs, wherein the head defines a guide opening oriented transversely relative to a plane defined between the legs;
- (b) forming a sclerotomy near the guide tack;
- (c) inserting a cannula through the guide opening; and
- (d) inserting the cannula through the sclerotomy, wherein the guide tack is configured to guide the cannula through the sclerotomy at a substantially

tangential orientation.

20. The method of claim 19, further comprising marking the sclerotomy site with a marking and deployment instrument, wherein the act of inserting the legs of the guide tack into the pars plana region of the eye is also performed with the marking and deployment instrument simultaneously with the act of marking the sclerotomy site, wherein the act of forming the sclerotomy is performed using marks formed by the act of marking the sclerotomy site.