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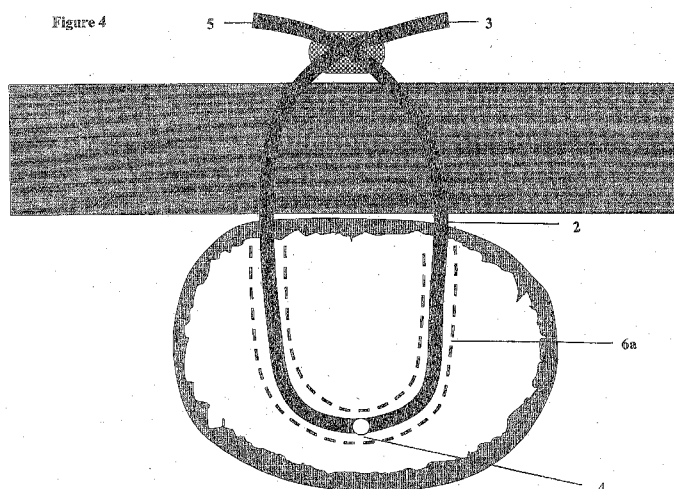
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(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a spacer (6) and a method of using the same. The spacer (6) retains a physical length of a gastrostomy tube (2) having an opening within the stomach of an individual. The opening (4) is designed to allow food and medicines to enter the stomach. The spacer (6) is not permanently affixed to the tube (2) thereby the tube (2) can be moved independently of the spacer (6) at the time the tube (2) is due to be changed and as such can be changed percutaneously by anyone including caregivers.

