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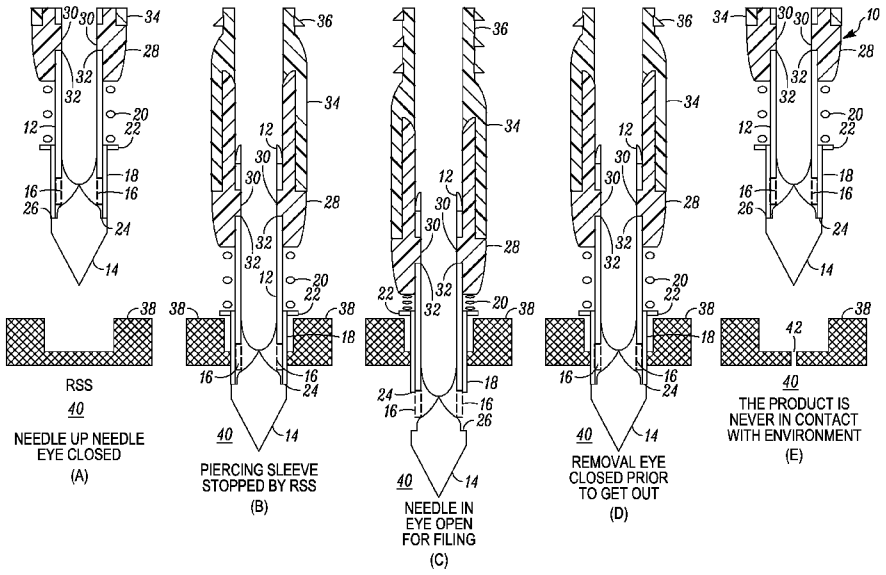


FIG. 2

(57) **Abstract**: A needle has a hollow shaft, a tip formed at one end of the shaft, one or more ports in fluid communication with the interior of the hollow shaft, and a closure. The closure and/or the shaft is movable between (i) a first position wherein the closure closes the port(s), and (ii) a second position opening the port(s).

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