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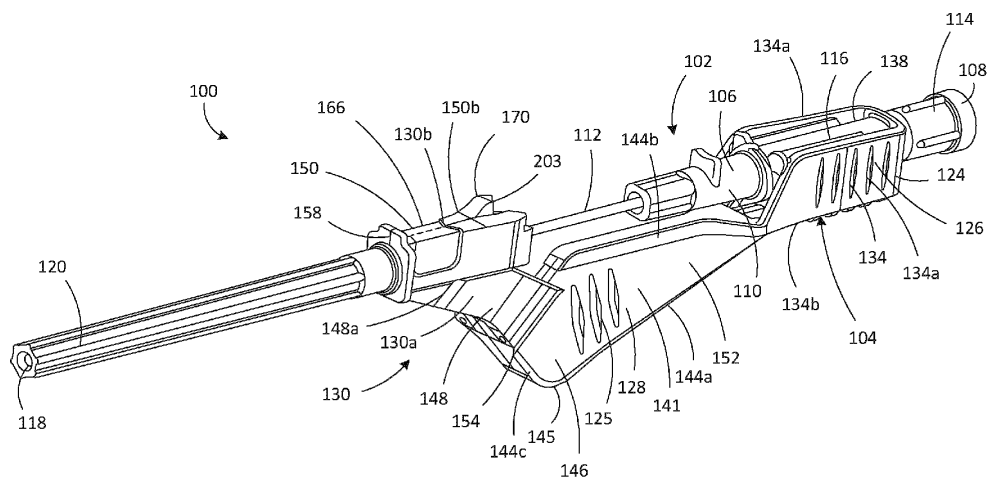


FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: A catheter system with a catheter assembly and a stabilizer can be used with or without a guidewire dispenser. The stabilizer can provide support for the catheter tube and needle during sliding movement of the catheter. The stabilizer can have a frame having a body with a seat and a gate having a first deck gate section and a second deck gate section joined together to define a passage along a seam. The catheter tube and needle can be located in the passage and supported by the passage. The needle hub can be located in the seat and a proximal opening of the needle hub can be aligned with an opening on a rear wall of the seat for receiving a vent plug or a guidewire from a guidewire dispenser, the latter being optional depending on the length of the catheter.

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