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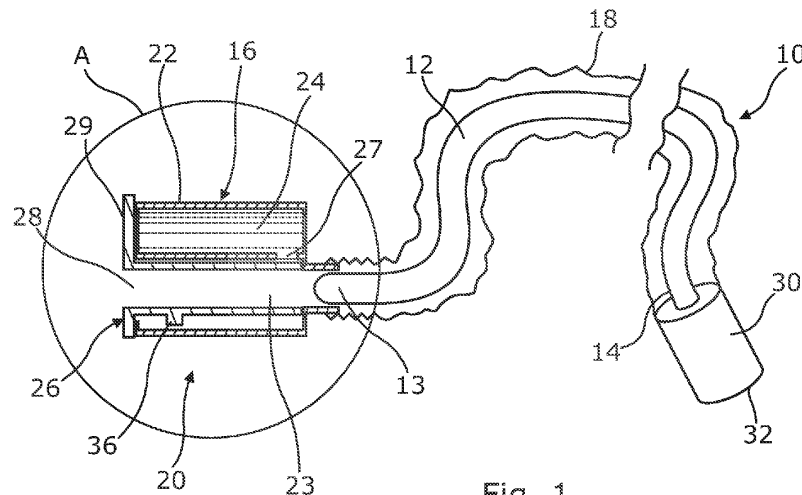


Fig. 1

(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a wetting mechanism (20) for wetting a tube (12) of a catheter (10). The wetting mechanism (20) includes a housing (16) to be positioned at or proximal to the tip end (13) of the catheter tube (12), where the housing (16) comprises a holding chamber (22) and a wetting chamber (23). The wetting mechanism (20) comprises a fluid release control component (26) for controlling release of fluid within the holding chamber (22) into the wetting chamber (23). At least a portion of the catheter tube (12) is then able to be introduced and be moved through the wetting chamber (23) to wet the catheter tube (12), in use.

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