## ABSTRACT

An apparatus was disclosed comprising a housing having a proximal end and a distal end, the housing slidably mounted on a needle shaft below a needle distal tip, the clip having a bridge, a proximal end coupled to the bridge and a distal end coupled to the bridge. The clip is disposed within the housing such that it retains a resilience imparting a biasing force to the clip ends such that the ends grip the needle shaft. When the housing is advanced beyond the needle distal tip, the clip distal end releases to contain the needle distal tip within the housing.

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