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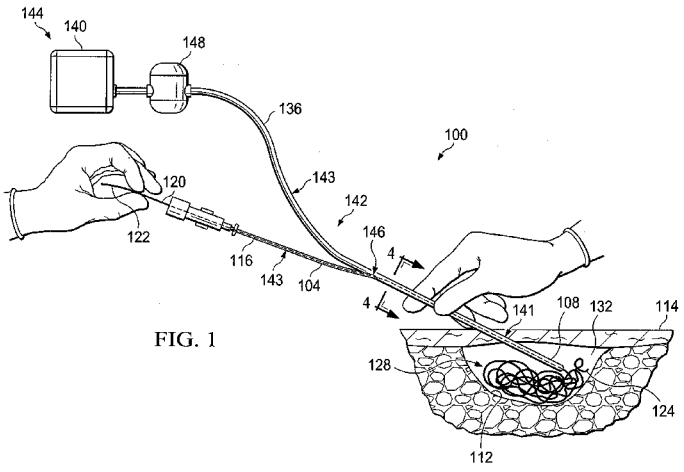


FIG. 1

(57) **Abstract**: A reduced pressure treatment system includes a filament delivery conduit (104) having a distal end (108) positioned at a subcutaneous tissue site (112) of a patient and a proximal end (116) positioned extracorporeal to the patient. A continuous filament (120) is positioned in the filament delivery conduit such that one end of the continuous filament extends from the proximal end of the filament delivery conduit and another end of the continuous filament extends from the distal end of the filament delivery conduit. The continuous filament forms a filament mass (128) adjacent the tissue site. A reduced pressure delivery conduit (136) is adapted to fluidly communicate with a reduced pressure source (140) and the filaments mass to deliver a reduced pressure to the tissue site through the filament mass.

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