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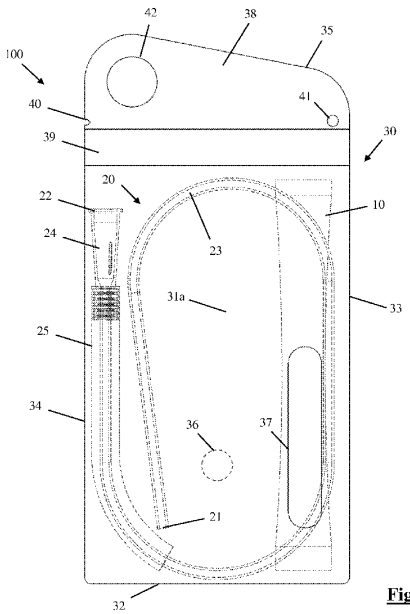

Figure 2

(57) Abstract: A packaged catheter assembly (100) comprising a pouch (30) and a catheter (20). The pouch comprises two walls (31a, 31b) and a peripheral seal (32,33,34,35) between the two walls and the catheter comprises a proximal end (21) for insertion into the body and a distal end (22). The catheter is arranged within the pouch in a curved configuration and a join (36) is provided between the two walls, wherein: the join and the base (32) of the peripheral seal define a channel to be filled with fluid before withdrawal of the catheter from the pouch; and the pouch and catheter are arranged such that during withdrawal of the catheter from the pouch, the distal end of the catheter is withdrawn from the pouch before the proximal end and the proximal end passes through the channel. The assembly may comprise a fluid reservoir to release fluid into the pouch to form a pool of fluid in the channel.

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