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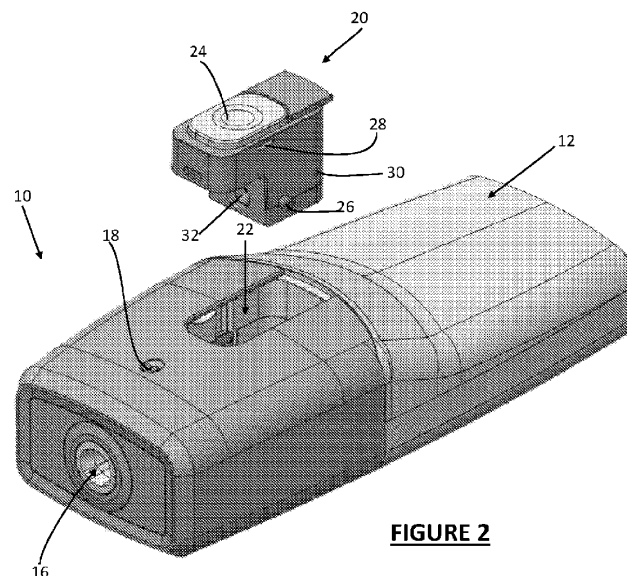


FIGURE 2

(57) Abstract: A hypodermic needle destruction device (10) comprising a main body (12) housing a power source (14) and a controller (52); a recess (22) for receiving, in use, a needle destruction module (20); and means (26) for retaining the needle destruction module (20) at least partially within the recess (22). The needle destruction module (20) has clamping (38) and tip (42) electrodes that respectively clamp and axially compress a hypodermic needle (74), and a containment tube (40) that inhibits bowing of the needle (74). When a current is passed through the needle (74) via the electrodes (38, 42) and an axial force applied, the needle (74) is sterilised and blunted.

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