

CLAIMS

1. A catheter assembly, comprising:

a catheter adapter, comprising a distal end, a proximal end, and a lumen extending between the distal end and the proximal end; and

a push tab pivotally coupled to the catheter adapter, wherein the push tab is pivotally moveable between a raised position and a depressed position.
2. The catheter assembly of claim 1, wherein the push tab comprises a first end and a second end opposite the first end, wherein the first end is pivotally coupled to the catheter adapter, wherein the second end is further from the catheter adapter when the push tab is in the raised position than when the push tab is in the depressed position.
3. The catheter assembly of claim 2, wherein the second end is disposed in a first position in response to the push tab being in the raised position, wherein the second end is disposed in a second position in response to the push tab being in the depressed position, wherein the second position is proximal to the first position.
4. The catheter assembly of claim 1, wherein the push tab comprises two opposing protrusions, wherein the catheter adapter comprises two opposing indents, wherein the two opposing protrusions are disposed within the two opposing indents to pivotally couple the push tab to the catheter adapter.
5. The catheter assembly of claim 1, wherein in response to the push tab being in the raised position, the push tab is generally perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of the catheter adapter.
6. The catheter assembly of claim 1, wherein in response to the push tab being in the depressed position, the push tab is generally aligned with the longitudinal axis of the catheter adapter.

7. The catheter assembly of claim 1, wherein the push tab comprises an edge configured to contact the catheter adapter in response to the push tab pivotally moving from the depressed position to the raised position.
8. The catheter assembly of claim 1, wherein a proximal surface of the push tab is concave.
9. The catheter assembly of claim 1, wherein the catheter adapter comprises a side port disposed between the distal end and the proximal end, wherein the push tab is pivotally coupled to the catheter adapter proximal to the side port.
10. A catheter assembly, comprising:
 - a catheter adapter, comprising a distal end, a proximal end, and a lumen extending between the distal end and the proximal end; and
 - a resilient push tab coupled to the catheter adapter, wherein the resilient push tab comprises a first end, a second end, and an arced portion between the first end and the second end, wherein the resilient push tab is configured to move from a raised position to a depressed position, wherein the arced portion is further from the catheter adapter when the resilient push tab is in the raised position than when the resilient push tab is in the depressed position, wherein in response to the resilient push tab being in the raised position, the first end and the second end are biased outwardly by the catheter adapter, wherein in response to the resilient push tab moving from the raised position to the depressed position, the first end and the second end are brought closer together.
11. The catheter assembly of claim 10, wherein the arced portion contacts the catheter adapter in response to the resilient push tab being moved from the raised position to the depressed position.

12. The catheter assembly of claim 10, wherein the catheter adapter comprises a side port disposed between the distal end and the proximal end, wherein the resilient push tab is coupled to the catheter adapter proximal to the side port.

13. A method, comprising:

inserting a catheter assembly into vasculature of a patient, wherein the catheter assembly comprises:

a catheter adapter, comprising a distal end, a proximal end, and a lumen extending between the distal end and the proximal end; and

a push tab coupled to the catheter adapter, wherein the push tab is moveable between a raised position and a depressed position, wherein the push tab is disposed in the raised position;

after the catheter assembly is inserted into the vasculature of the patient, pushing down on the push tab to move the push tab from the raised position to the depressed position.

14. The method of claim 13, further comprising after pushing down on the push tab to move the push tab from the raised position to the depressed position, applying securement tape over the push tab with the push tab in the depressed position.

15. The method of claim 14, wherein the push tab is pivotally coupled to the catheter adapter, wherein the push tab is pivotally moveable between the raised position and the depressed position.

16. The catheter assembly of claim 15, wherein the push tab comprises a first end and a second end opposite the first end, wherein the first end is pivotally coupled to the catheter adapter, wherein the second end is further from the catheter adapter when the push tab is in the raised position than when the push tab is in the depressed position.

17. The catheter assembly of claim 16, wherein the push tab comprises two opposing protrusions, wherein the catheter adapter comprises two opposing indents, wherein the two opposing protrusions are disposed within the two opposing indents to pivotally couple the push tab to the catheter adapter.

18. The catheter assembly of claim 14, wherein the push tab comprises a resilient push tab, wherein the resilient push tab comprises a first end, a second end, and an arced portion between the first end and the second end, wherein the arced portion is further from the catheter adapter when the resilient push tab is in the raised position than when the resilient push tab is in the depressed position, wherein in response to the resilient push tab being in the raised position, the first end and the second end are biased outwardly by the catheter adapter, wherein in response to the resilient push tab moving from the raised position to the depressed position, the first end and the second end are brought closer together.

19. The catheter assembly of claim 18, wherein the arced portion contacts the catheter adapter in response to the resilient push tab being moved from the raised position to the depressed position.

20. The catheter assembly of claim 18, wherein the catheter adapter comprises a side port disposed between the distal end and the proximal end, wherein the resilient push tab is pivotally coupled to the catheter adapter proximal to the side port.