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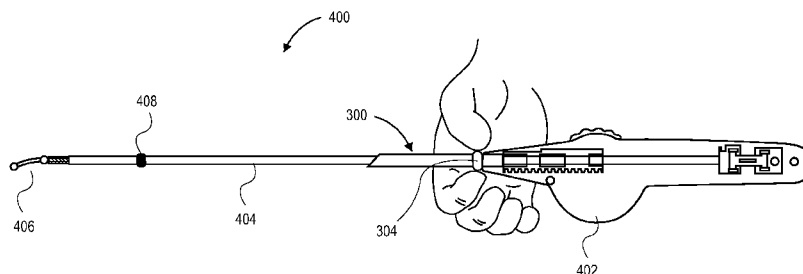


FIG. 5A

(57) Abstract: In accordance with some embodiments, a delivery catheter assembly (400) is disclosed in which a tip protector sleeve (300) is locked onto an elongated catheter sheath (404) and slideable over a length of the elongated catheter sheath between a proximal - stop position (402) and a distal -stop position (408) along the elongated catheter sheath.