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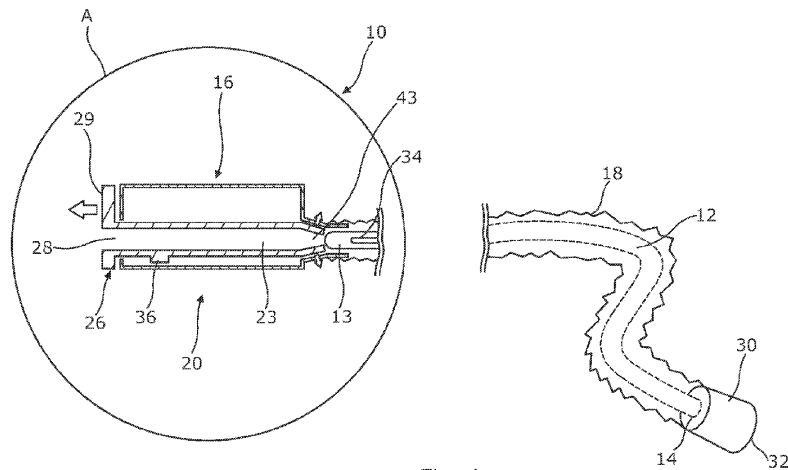


Fig. 1

(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a wetting mechanism (20) for wetting a tube (12) of a catheter (10). The wetting mechanism (20) includes a housing 16 positioned initially at or proximal to the tip end (13) of the catheter tube (12). The housing (16) comprises a wetting chamber (23) into which at least a portion of the catheter tube (12) is able to be introduced and be moved therethrough to wet the catheter tube (12) in use. The wetting mechanism (20) includes a stopper (26) which is moveable between a first and second positions to prevent or allow the tip end (13) of the catheter tube (12) to be moved through the wetting chamber (23).

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