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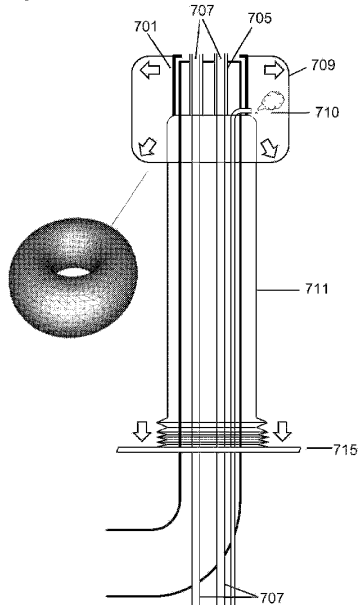
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[Fig. 8]



(57) **Abstract:** A longitudinally folded sheath that is capable of being unfolded to sheath over an endoscope as the endoscope extends into the sheath and into a person. The sheath is folded in telescopic folding or in accordion folding and has an end-cap on the distal end and an end-guard on the proximal end. An endoscope may extend through the end-guard and the folded sheath to fit into the end-cap, to be able to push on the end-cap from inside the folded sheath to unfold the sheath. Optionally, the end-cap is affixed with at least an external instrument channel extending through the sheath and out of the end-guard, such that the unfolding sheath sheaths over both the endoscope and the external instrument channel. Therefore, the sheath can be a fitting sheath to restrain the endoscope and the external instrument channel from moving apart while being unfolded easily over the endoscope and the external instrument channel.

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