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(54) MINIMALLY INVASIVE MEDICAL APPARATUS FOR DISPENSING A BIOLOGICALLY ACTIVE COMPOUND AND AN ASSOCIATED MEDICAL PROCEDURE FOR DISPENSING A BIOLOGICALLY ACTIVE COMPOUND

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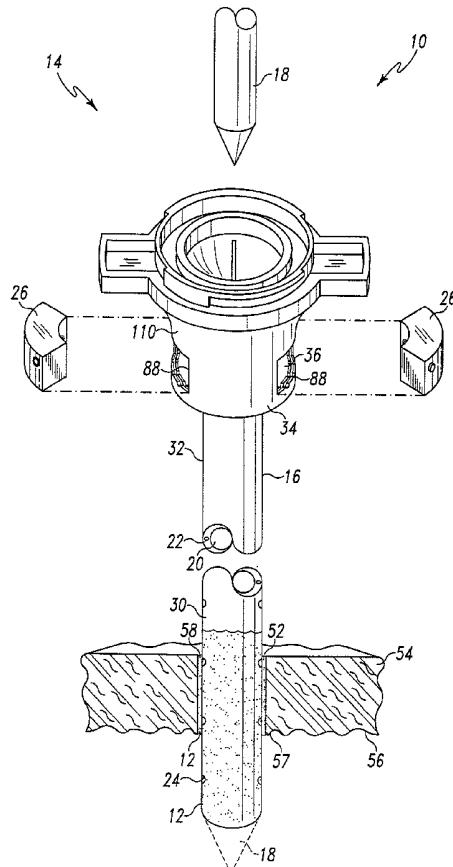
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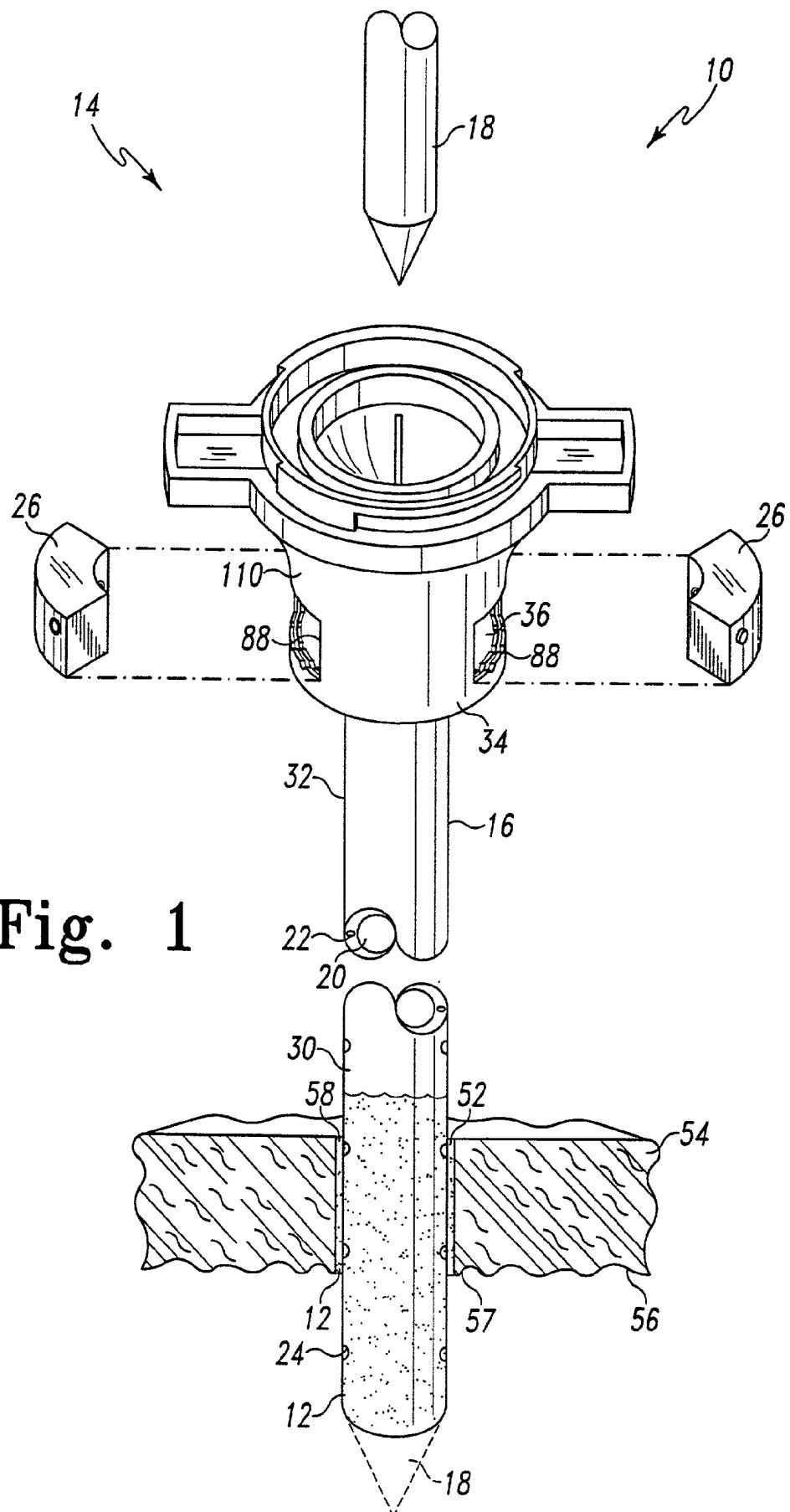
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ABSTRACT

A medical apparatus for dispensing a biologically active compound. The medical apparatus includes a sleeve, wherein (1) the sleeve has a working channel defined therein through which medical instruments may be advanced, (2) the sleeve includes a fluid delivery channel which is distinct from the working channel, (3) the fluid delivery channel has an exit, and (4) the sleeve includes a housing having an interior cavity defined therein. The medical apparatus also includes an insufflation valve in fluid communication with the working channel. The insufflation valve is positionable between an open position and a closed position such that (i) when the insufflation valve is located in the open position an insufflation gas can be advanced into the working channel and (ii) when the insufflation valve is located in the closed position the insufflation gas is prevented from being advanced into the working channel. The medical apparatus further includes a chemical container having an interior void defined therein for receiving the biologically active compound, wherein the interior void is in fluid communication with the exit through the fluid delivery channel when the chemical container is positioned within the interior cavity of the housing such that the biologically active compound may be delivered through the fluid delivery channel to an outer surface of the sleeve.





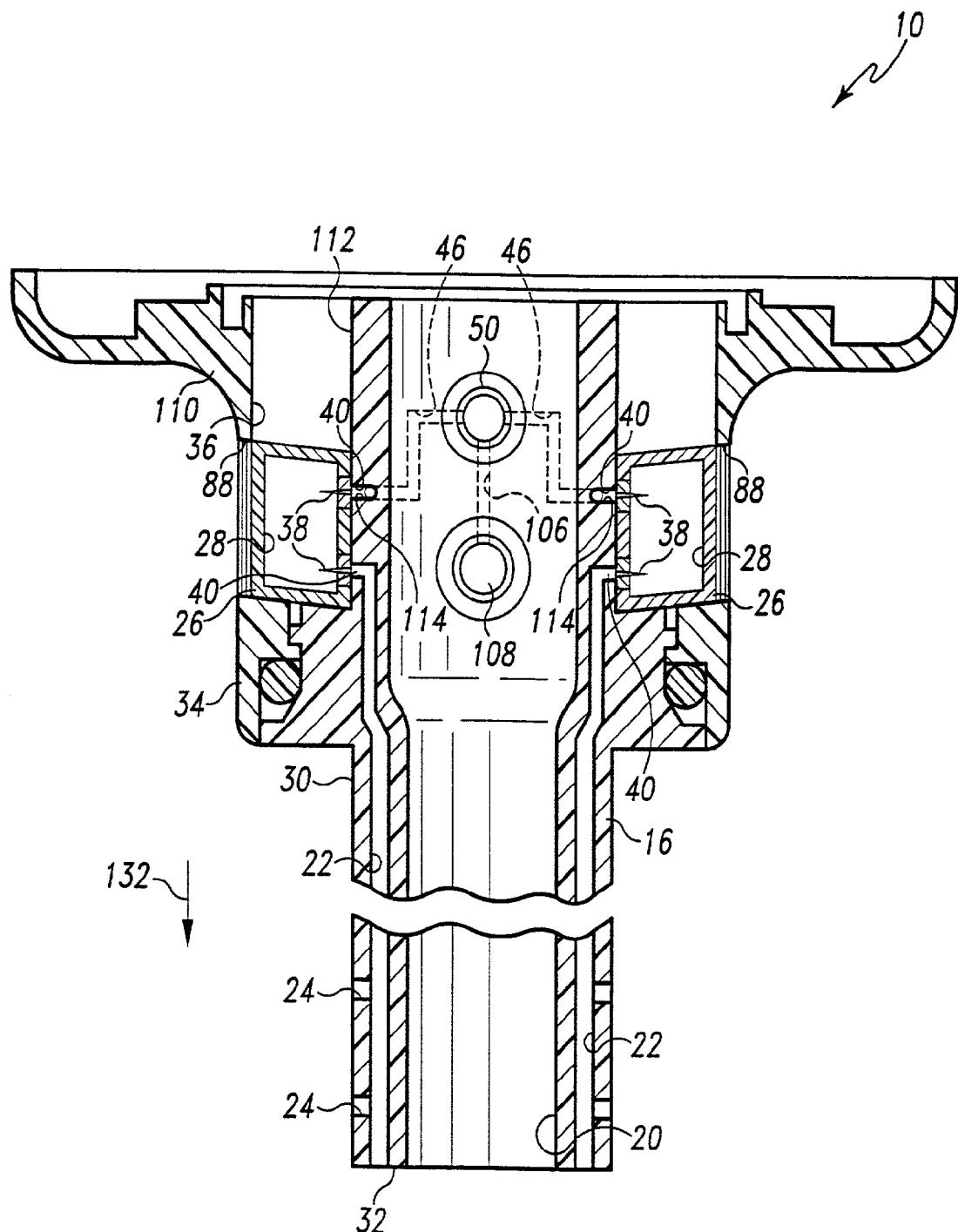


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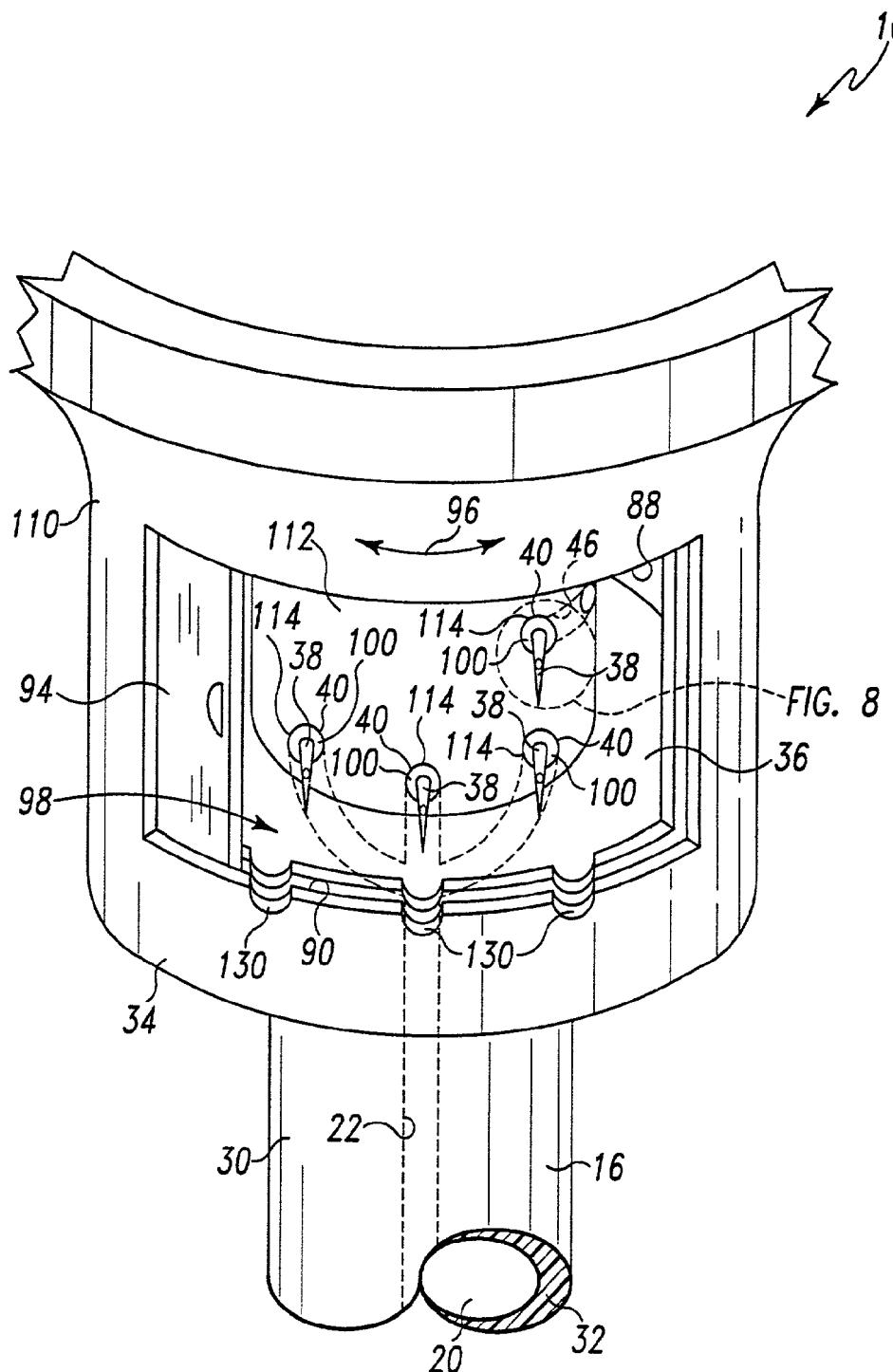


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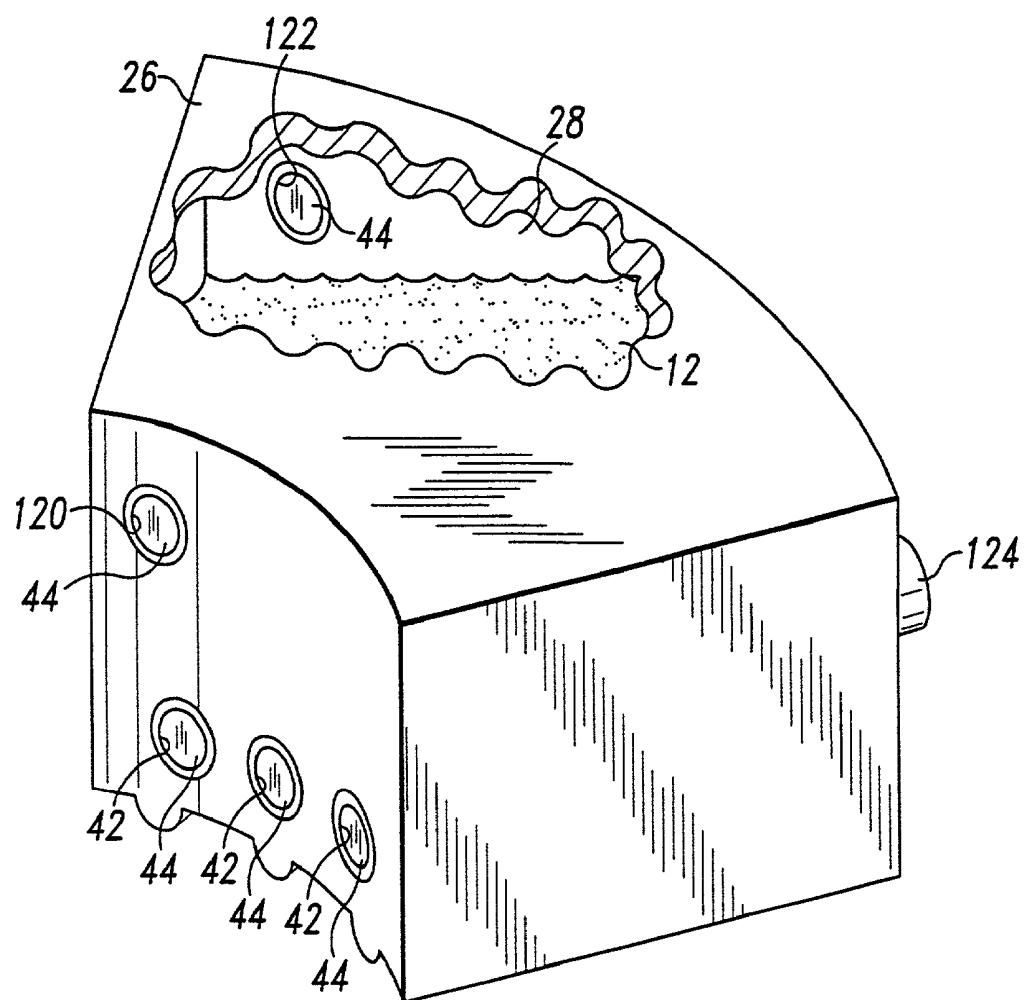


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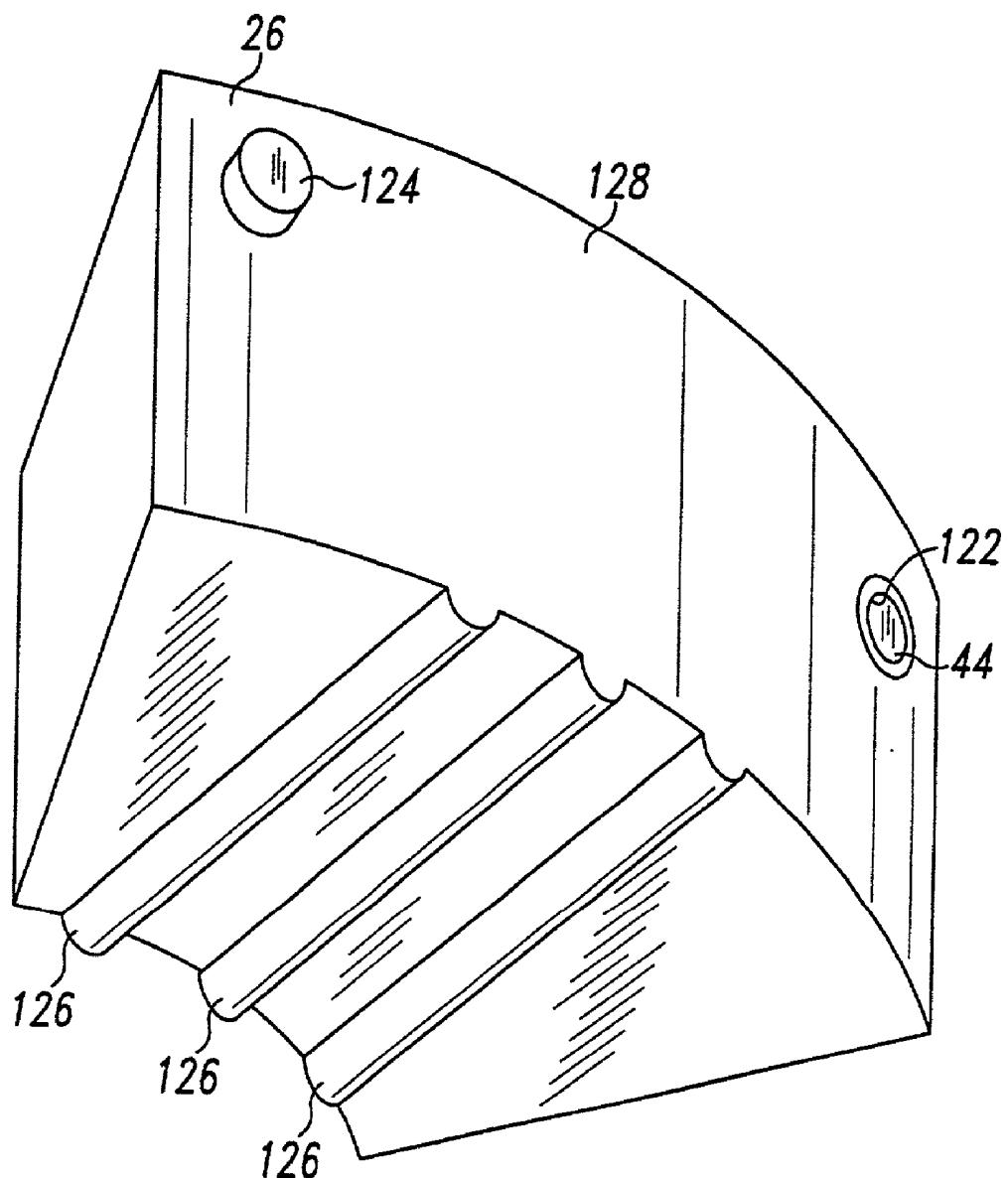


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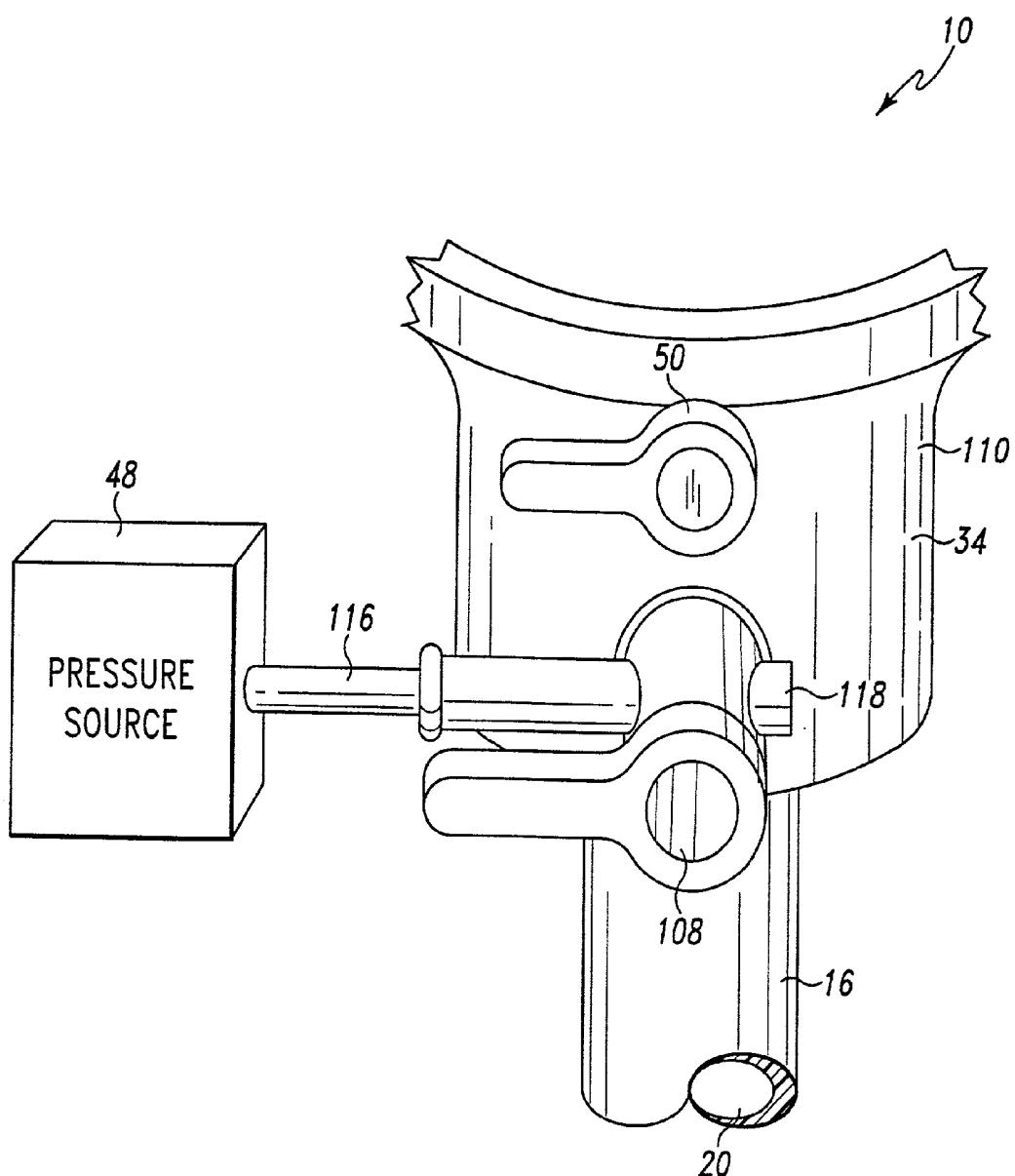
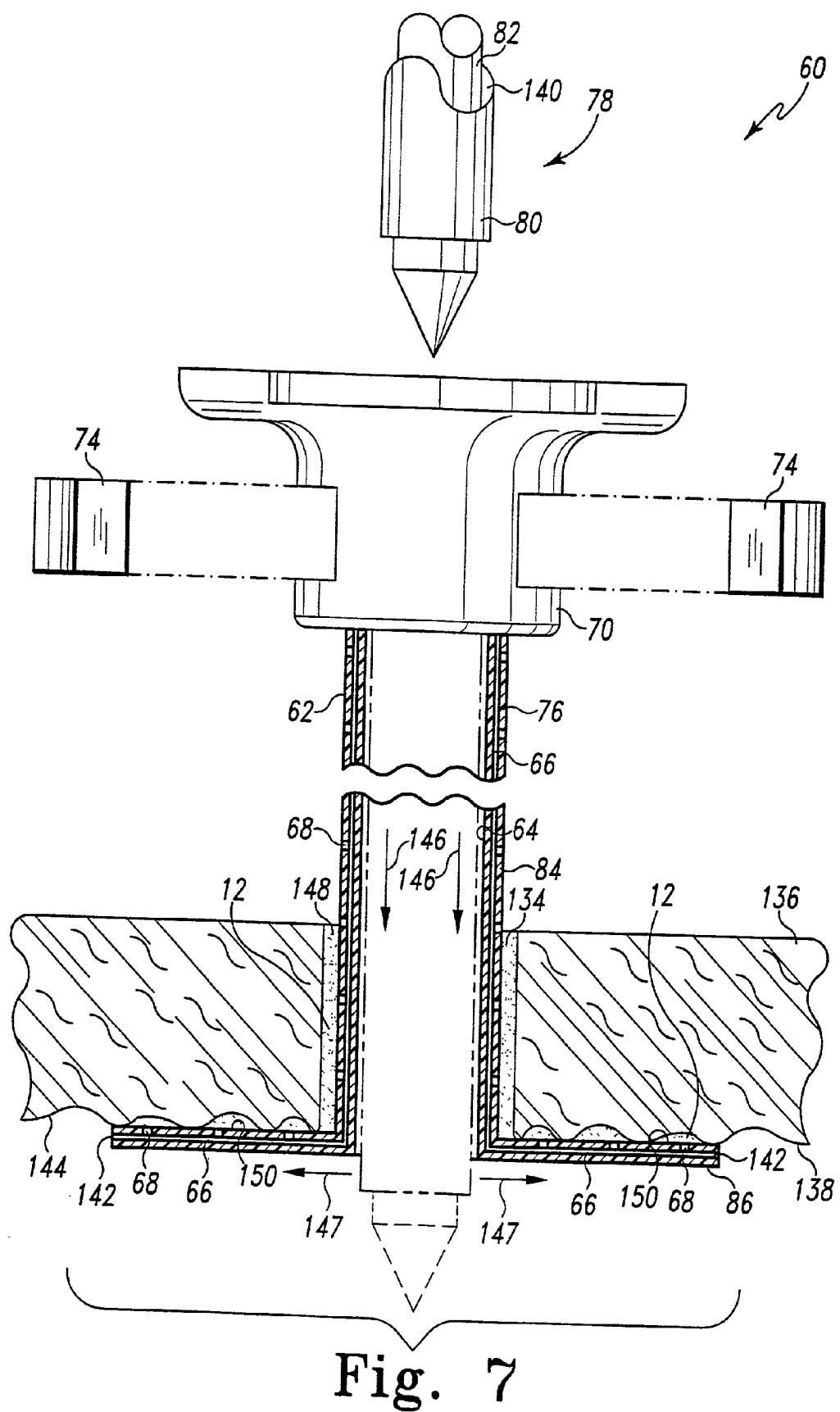


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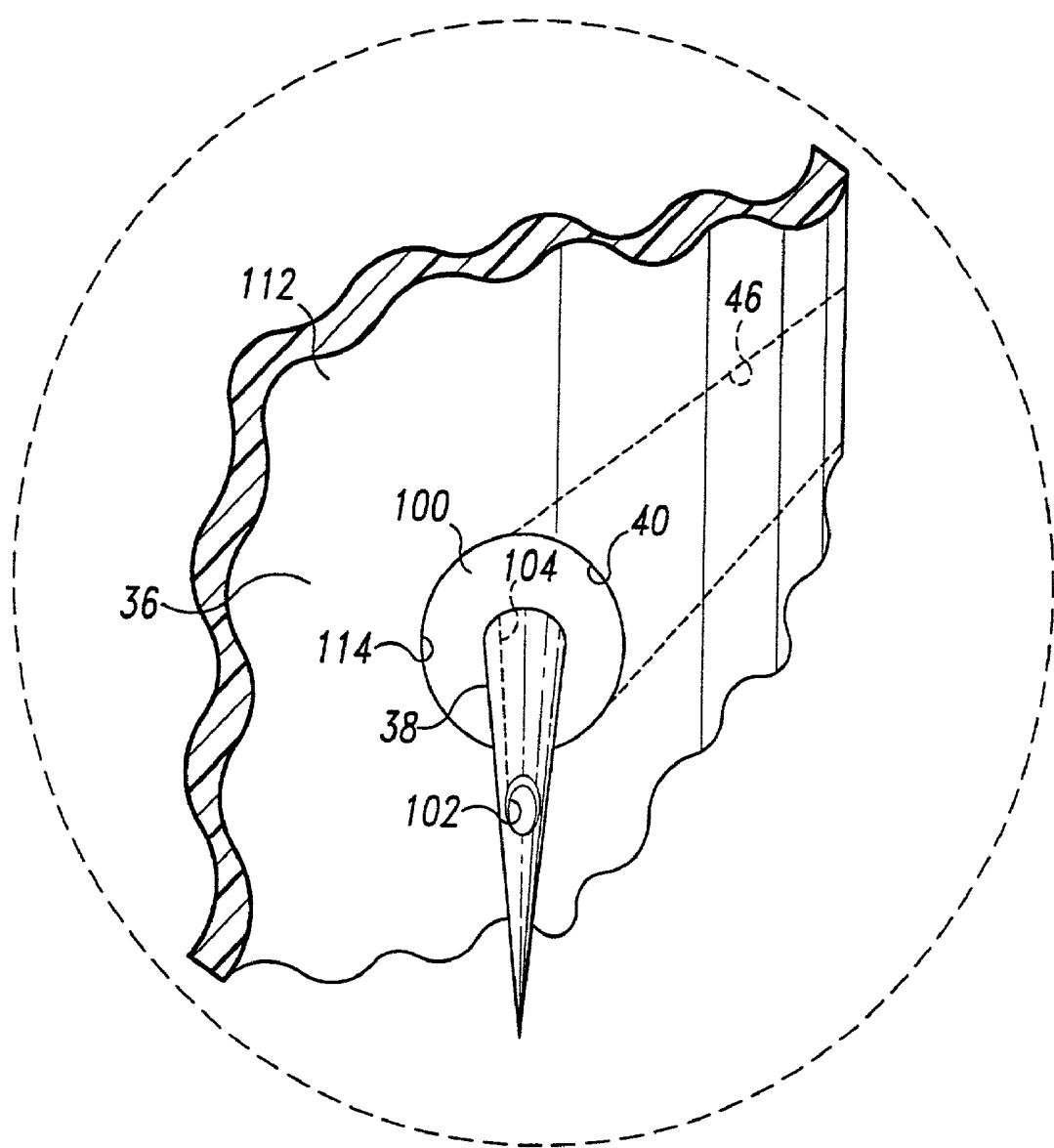
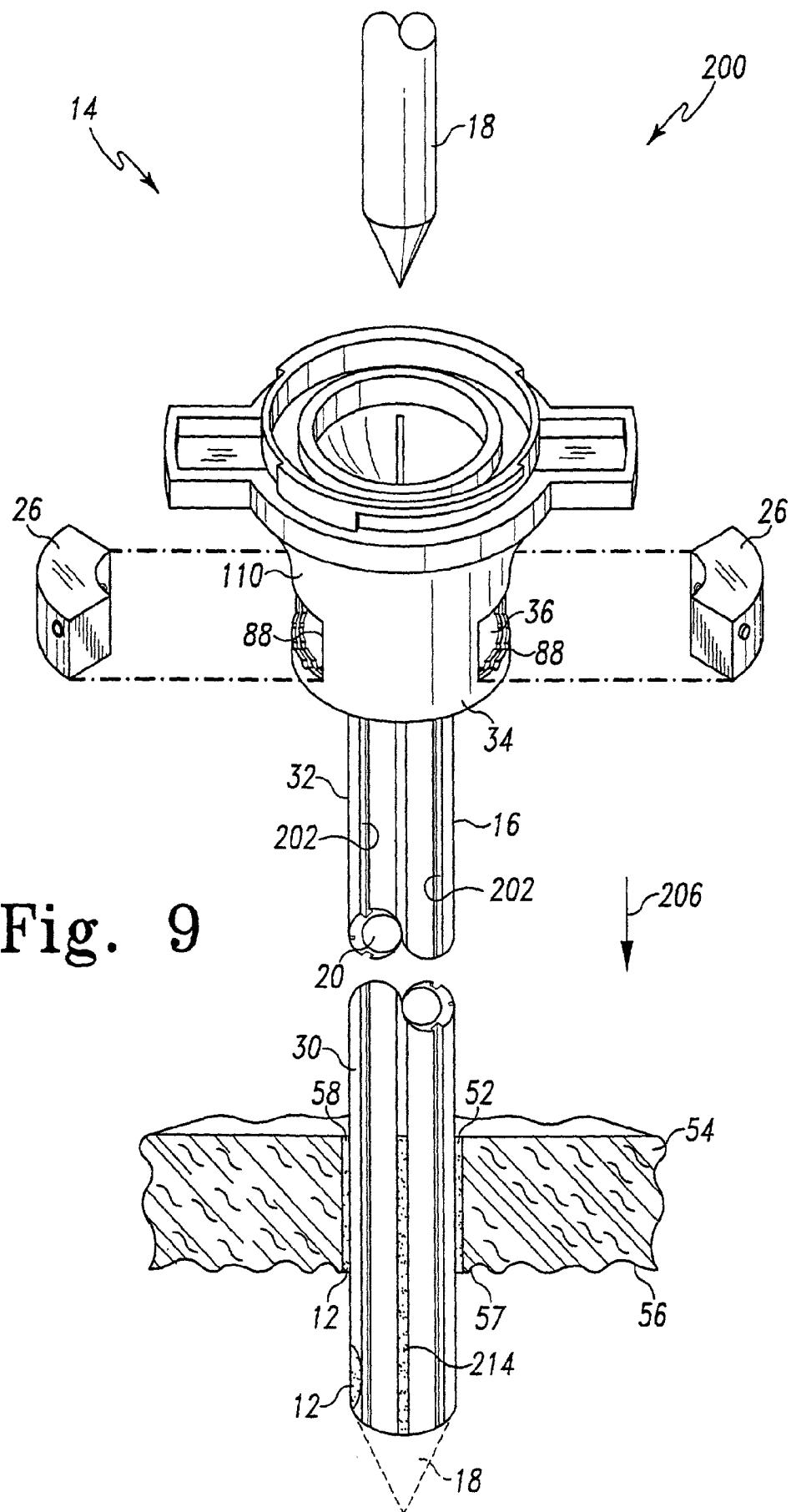


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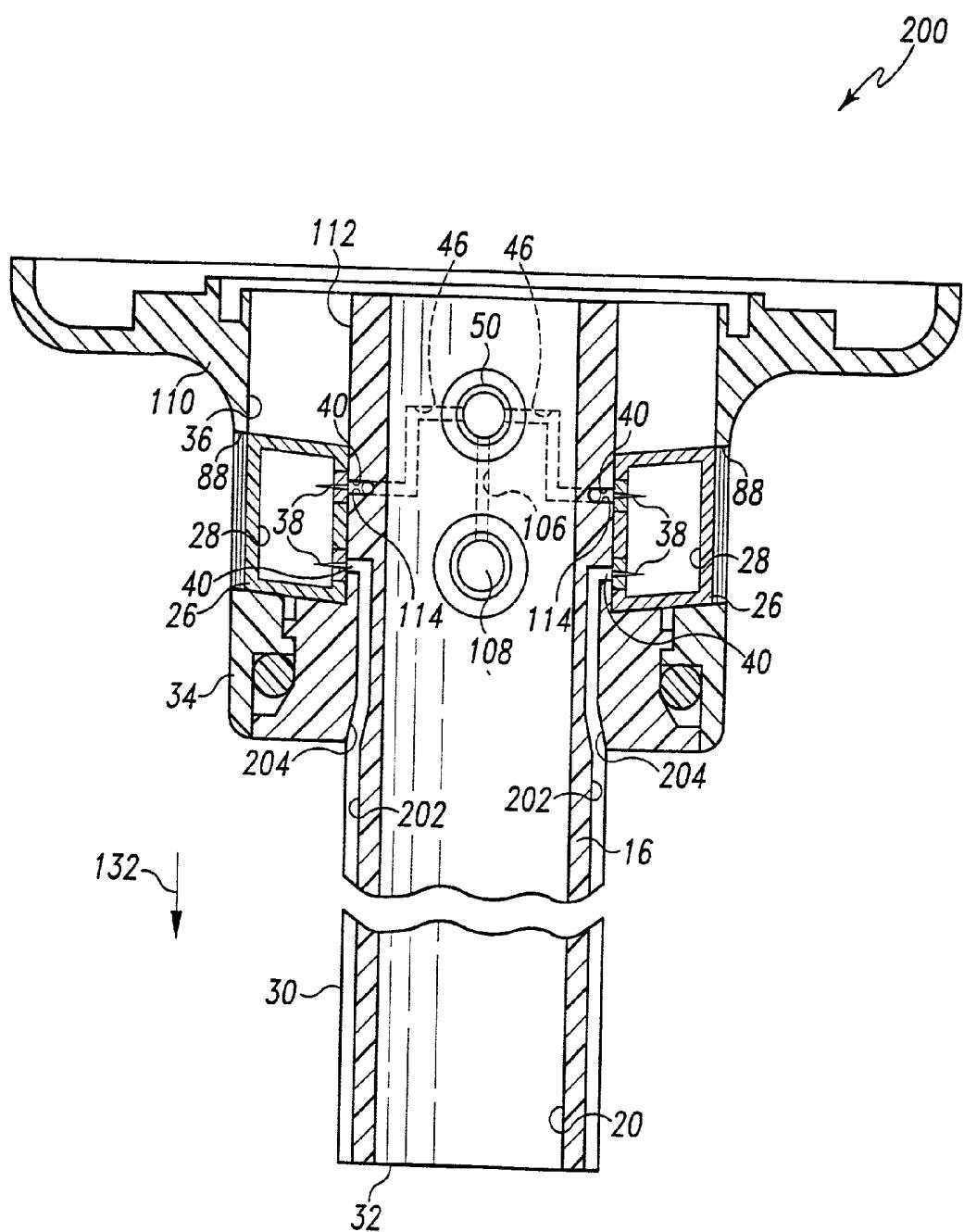
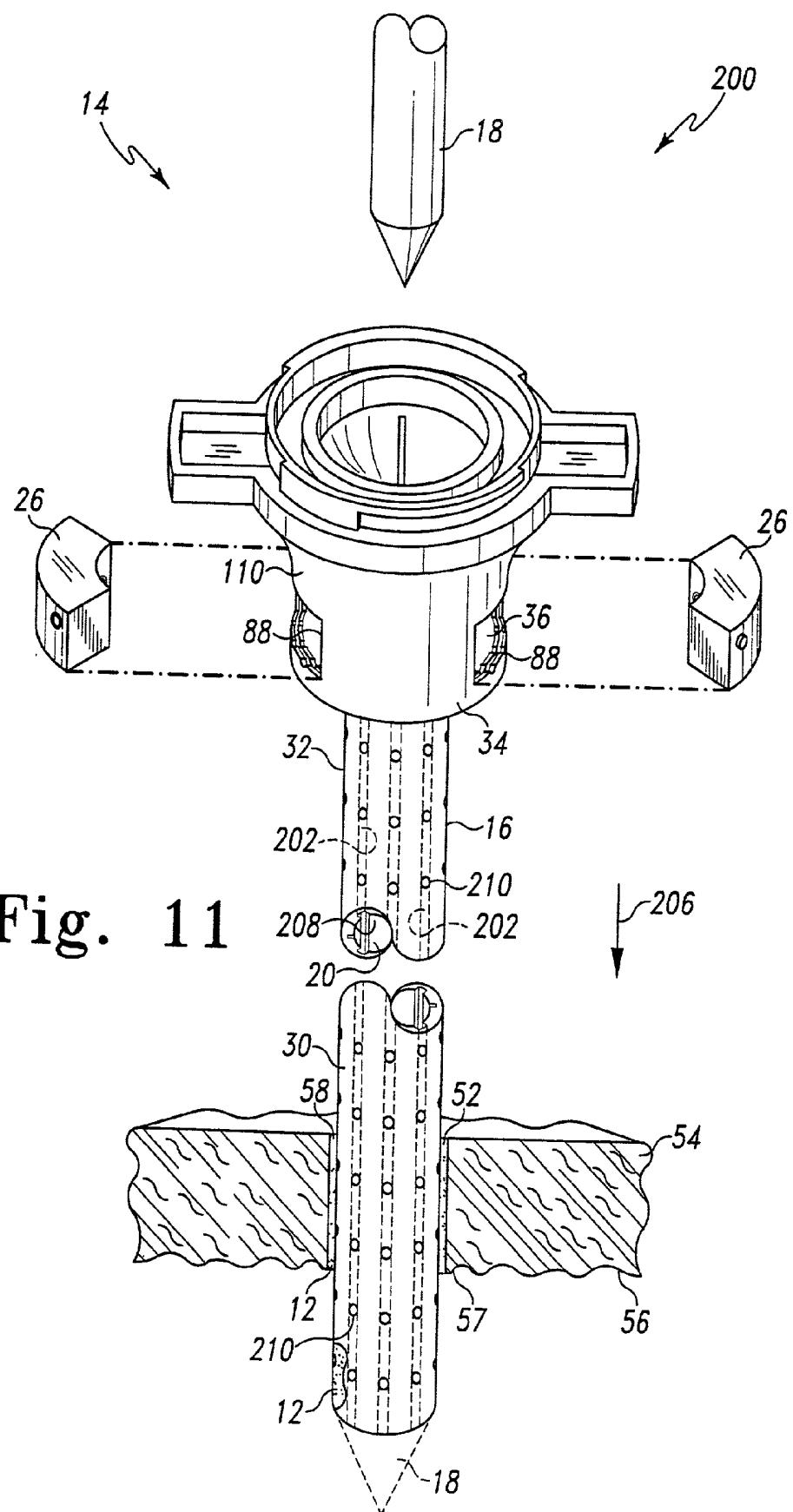


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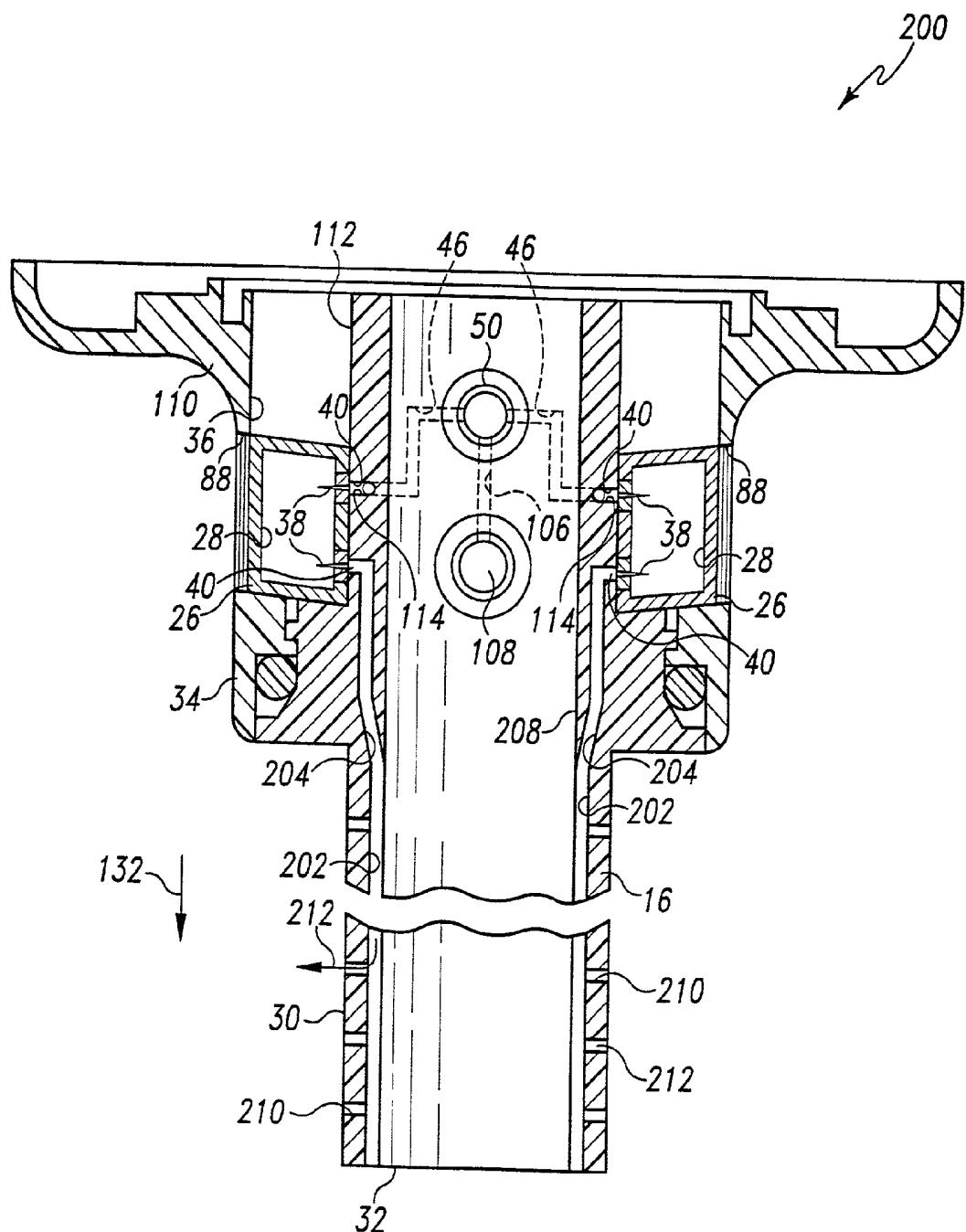


Fig. 12

**MINIMALLY INVASIVE MEDICAL APPARATUS
FOR DISPENSING A BIOLOGICALLY ACTIVE
COMPOUND AND AN ASSOCIATED MEDICAL
PROCEDURE FOR DISPENSING A
BIOLOGICALLY ACTIVE COMPOUND**

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0001] The present invention generally relates to a medical apparatus and procedure for dispensing a biologically active compound. The present invention particularly relates to a medical apparatus and procedure for dispensing a biologically active compound during a minimally invasive surgical technique, such as laparoscopic surgery.

[0002] Minimally invasive surgical techniques, such as laparoscopic surgery, typically include the use of a trocar assembly. A trocar assembly includes a trocar (sometimes referred to as an "obturator") positioned within the lumen of a cannula. The trocar and cannula are advanced through a body cavity wall so as to create a small opening or a port site wound therein. The trocar is then completely removed from the lumen of the cannula such that the cannula's lumen provides an entrance for laparoscopic instruments into the interior of the body cavity. The body cavity is then insufflated with an inert gas, such as CO₂, to provide easier access to the organs contained therein. An alternative to insufflation, which also aids in intra-abdominal visualization and provides access to the organs, is a mechanical lifting device. Once the surgery is complete the cannula is completely removed from the port site wound to rapidly desufflate the body cavity.

[0003] Surgery performed by using minimally invasive techniques is generally associated with lower postoperative morbidity, slower tumor growth, shorter postoperative stay, less postoperative pain, decreased cost, and quicker recovery^{2, 3, 4, 5, 6}. Because of the aforementioned advantages, these minimally invasive techniques are being applied to an increasing variety of all surgical procedures. For example, laparoscopic procedures for the resection of malignancies have emerged. In particular, laparoscopic colectomy for carcinoma of the colon has been developed, and it has been reported that the initial results of these procedures have advantages over operations performed in the traditional open manner^{3, 6, 14}. Moreover, it is hoped that the long term results of these procedures will be comparable, or better than, those performed in the traditional open manner.

[0004] However, the development of laparoscopic surgery for cancer has been hindered because of the major concern regarding the implantation of tumor cells in the port site wound^{2, 3, 6, 7}. In fact, numerous port site recurrences have been documented in the medical literature heretofore, and these recurrences are associated with a decreased survival rate for patients who may have had a curative cancer^{2, 3, 6, 7}. Specifically, the medical literature reports that the incidence of tumor cell implantation ranges from as high as 20% to as low as 0%⁸. The studies generating the aforementioned data utilized highly skilled and experienced laparoscopic surgeons practicing at major university programs. However, in spite of utilizing highly skilled and experienced laparoscopic surgeons, the data indicates that the incidence of tumor cell implantation in the surgical wound is greater when employing laparoscopic techniques as compared to

when conventional surgical techniques are used (i.e. 0.6% implantation incidence for conventional techniques⁹ compared to 1% incidence for laparoscopic techniques¹⁰).

[0005] Several mechanisms may be responsible for the above discussed implantation of tumor cells in the port site wound. For example, minimally invasive surgical techniques for treating cancer require the insertion and removal of laparoscopic instruments or cameras through the lumen of the cannula. In addition, these surgical techniques require that the cannula itself be moved relative to the port site wound such that the cannula is advanced further into, or withdrawn from, the body cavity¹¹. Moving the cannula in the above described manner facilitates a surgeon's ability to optimally locate instruments within the body cavity thereby helping to ensure the successful completion of the medical procedure. However, the aforementioned manipulations of the laparoscopic instruments and cannula may result in the exposure of the port site wound to exfoliated cancer cells which creates a risk of implanting tumor cells in the walls of the port site wound^{11, 12}. In particular, exfoliated cancer cells may adhere to and thus contaminate a portion of the exterior surface of the cannula^{11, 12}. The contaminated portion of the exterior surface of the cannula may then be advanced into contact with the port site wound during insertion and removal from the port site wound^{11, 12}. This contact may dislodge the exfoliated cancer cells from the exterior surface of the cannula and thus cause the exfoliated cancer cells to be implanted in the port site wound^{11, 12}.

[0006] Furthermore, studies have shown that a physician may undergo a significant learning curve before becoming proficient in the performance of advanced laparoscopic surgery, such as cancer surgery^{3, 13, 16}. As a result, a relatively inexperienced surgeon may have a tendency to manipulate or handle a tumor to a greater degree during a surgical procedure than an experienced surgeon. Studies have shown a 14.6% incidence of viable tumor cells in proximity of the specimen where the surgeon is working with his or her instruments¹⁵. In addition, an inexperienced surgeon may have a tendency to insert and withdraw an instrument through the lumen of the cannula a greater number of times than an experienced surgeon. The above described increased manipulation of the instrument or the tumor can result in a greater incidence of tumor cell implantation in the port site wound^{11, 12}.

[0007] Regardless of how these cells contaminate the wound, once implanted therein, viable tumor cells can cause a subcutaneous metastases or "port site recurrence" after the resection of malignant tissue. These "port site recurrences" have delayed the advancement of laparoscopic cancer surgery^{2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12} into all fields of cancer surgery, and is one reason why the benefits of laparoscopic surgery have not been available to cancer patients.

[0008] Furthermore, laparoscopic surgery performed for general surgery, gynecological surgery, urological surgery, or any other intra-abdominal infection is associated with a small but real incidence of port site wound infection¹¹. The infecting bacteria causing these illnesses can contaminate the port site wound in the same manner as discussed above with regard to tumor cell contamination, and these infections can increase a patient's morbidity and consequently the length of a patient's hospital stay, thereby considerably increasing their hospital bill.

[0009] One way of addressing the problem of potential tumor or infectious cell implantation in the port site wound is to apply a biologically active compound, such as a cytotoxic agent which kills tumor or infectious cells, on a medical apparatus (e.g. a trocar assembly) utilized in the laparoscopic procedure. By placing such a compound on the medical apparatus the biologically active compound becomes disposed on the interior surface of the body cavity and on the surface of the port site wound. Having the biologically active compound disposed on the medical apparatus, the interior surface of the body cavity, and the surface of the port site wound establishes a "pharmacological barrier" which prevents any viable tumor or infectious cells from becoming implanted in the port site wound.

[0010] Heretofore, biologically active compounds were disposed on the medical apparatus by various methods. For example, dipping the medical apparatus in a solution or suspension of the biologically active compound, applying the biologically active compound to the medical apparatus with an applicator such as a cotton swab, or injecting the intraperitoneal surface with the biologically active compound^(16, 17). However, the aforementioned methods of administering the biologically active compound suffer from several drawbacks. For example, these methods are inconvenient, messy, inexact, or highly variable. In addition, these methods do not allow the amount of the biologically active compound administered to the patient via the medical apparatus to be appropriately controlled. Controlling the amount administered to a patient is important since it allows the physician to carefully adjust the dose of the biologically active compound and thus avoid any undesirable side effects while maximizing the delivery of the biologically active compound. In addition, controlling the dose allows the physician to collect dose response data, and thus measure the effectiveness of various pharmacological regimens. With the recent advances in the fields of biotechnology, genetic engineering, and pharmacology, there is a need to accurately, efficiently, and reproducibly deliver current and future biologically active agents during the performance of a minimally invasive surgical technique.

[0011] What is needed therefore is a medical apparatus and procedure for disposing a biologically active compound which addresses the above described drawbacks.

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0029] In accordance with one embodiment of the present invention, there is provided a medical apparatus for dispensing a biologically active compound. The medical apparatus includes a trocar assembly including a cannula and a trocar, wherein (1) the cannula has a working channel defined therein through which medical instruments may be advanced, (2) the cannula includes a fluid delivery channel which is distinct from the working channel, and (3) the fluid delivery channel has an exit. The medical apparatus also includes a valve in fluid communication with the working channel. The valve is positionable between an open position and a closed position such that (i) when the valve is located in the open position a gas can be advanced into the working channel and (ii) when the valve is located in the closed position the gas is prevented from being advanced into the working channel. The medical apparatus further includes a chemical container having an interior void defined therein for receiving the biologically active compound. The interior void is in fluid communication with the exit through the fluid delivery channel, whereby the biologically active compound may be delivered through the fluid delivery channel to an outer surface of the cannula.

[0030] Pursuant to another embodiment of the present invention, there is provided a medical procedure for dispensing a biologically active compound. The medical procedure includes the steps of (a) creating an opening in a wall of a non-vascular body cavity, (b) advancing a medical apparatus through the opening and into the non-vascular body cavity, the medical apparatus including a trocar assembly having (1) a cannula and a trocar, wherein (A) the cannula has a working channel defined therein through which medical instruments may be advanced, (B) the cannula includes a fluid delivery channel which is distinct from the working channel, and (C) the fluid delivery channel has an exit, and (2) a chemical container having an interior void defined therein for receiving the biologically active compound, the interior void being in fluid communication with the exit through the fluid delivery channel, and (c) advancing the biologically active compound from the interior void of

the chemical container onto an exterior surface of the cannula through a fluid path defined by the fluid delivery channel.

[0031] According to yet another embodiment of the present invention, there is provided a medical apparatus for dispensing a biologically active compound. The medical apparatus includes a sleeve, wherein (1) the sleeve has a working channel defined therein through which medical instruments may be advanced, (2) the sleeve includes a fluid delivery channel which is distinct from the working channel, and (3) the fluid delivery channel has an exit. The medical apparatus also includes a housing secured to the sleeve. The housing has an interior void defined therein for receiving the biologically active compound, wherein the interior void is in fluid communication with the exit through the fluid delivery channel such that the biologically active compound may be delivered through the fluid delivery channel to an outer surface of the sleeve. The medical apparatus further includes an insufflation valve in fluid communication with the working channel. The insufflation valve is positionable between an open position and a closed position such that (i) when the insufflation valve is located in the open position an insufflation gas can be advanced into the working channel and (ii) when the insufflation valve is located in the closed position the insufflation gas is prevented from being advanced into the working channel.

[0032] According to yet another embodiment of the present invention, there is provided a medical apparatus for dispensing a biologically active compound. The medical apparatus includes a trocar assembly including a cannula and a trocar. The cannula has a working channel defined therein, and the working channel has a cross-sectional area sized for passage of a laparoscope therethrough. The cannula includes a fluid delivery channel which is distinct from the working channel. The fluid delivery channel has an exit. The medical apparatus also includes a chemical container having an interior void defined therein for receiving the biologically active compound. The interior void is in fluid communication with the exit through the fluid delivery channel, whereby the biologically active compound may be delivered through the fluid delivery channel to an outer surface of the cannula.

[0033] According to still another embodiment of the present invention, there is provided a medical procedure for dispensing a biologically active compound. The medical procedure includes the steps of (i) creating an opening in a wall of a body cavity, (ii) advancing a medical apparatus through the opening and into the body cavity, the medical apparatus including a trocar assembly having (1) a cannula and a trocar, wherein (A) the cannula has a working channel defined therein through which medical instruments may be advanced, (B) the cannula includes a fluid delivery channel which is distinct from the working channel, and (C) the fluid delivery channel has an exit port, and (2) a chemical container having an interior void defined therein for receiving the biologically active compound, the interior void being in fluid communication with the exit port through the fluid delivery channel, (iii) advancing a gas into the body cavity, and (iv) advancing the biologically active compound from the interior void of the chemical container onto an exterior surface of the cannula through a fluid path defined by the fluid delivery channel.

[0034] According to yet another embodiment of the present invention, there is provided an arrangement for delivering a biologically active compound. The arrangement includes a chemical container configured to be removably disposed in a void of a housing of a trocar assembly.

[0035] It is therefore an object of the present invention to provide a new and useful medical apparatus for protecting a port site wound.

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[0037] It is still another object of the present invention to provide a new and useful medical apparatus for dispensing a biologically active compound.

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[0042] It is still another object of the present invention to provide an improved medical procedure for dispensing a biologically active compound.

[0043] The above and other objects, features, and advantages of the present invention will become apparent from the following description and attached drawings.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0044] FIG. 1 is an exploded perspective view of a medical apparatus inserted through a body cavity wall which incorporates the features of the present invention therein, with the body cavity wall shown in cross-section for clarity of description;

[0045] FIG. 2 is an enlarged fragmentary cross sectional view of the medical apparatus of FIG. 1, showing the chemical containers inserted into the housing;

[0046] FIG. 3 is an enlarged fragmentary perspective view of the medical apparatus of FIG. 1, showing the interior cavity of the housing;

[0047] FIG. 4 is an enlarged perspective view of one of the chemical containers shown in FIG. 1;

[0048] FIG. 5 is a view similar to FIG. 4, but showing an under portion of the chemical container;

[0049] FIG. 6 is a fragmentary perspective view of the medical apparatus of FIG. 1, but with a pressure source schematically shown coupled thereto;

[0050] FIG. 7 is a cross sectional view of a second embodiment of the medical apparatus of the present invention; and

[0051] FIG. 8 is an enlarged view of a portion of FIG. 3 which is encircled and indicated as FIG. 8;

[0052] FIG. 9 is an exploded perspective view of another medical apparatus inserted through a body cavity wall which incorporates the features of the present invention therein;

[0053] FIG. 10 is an enlarged fragmentary cross sectional view of the medical apparatus of FIG. 9, showing the chemical containers inserted into the housing;

[0054] FIG. 11 is a view similar to the one shown in FIG. 9, but having the grooves of the medical device defined on an interior surface of the medical apparatus; and

[0055] FIG. 12 is a view similar to the one shown in FIG. 10, but having the grooves of the medical device defined on an interior surface of the medical apparatus.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

[0056] While the invention is susceptible to various modifications and alternative forms, a specific embodiment thereof has been shown by way of example in the drawings and will herein be described in detail. It should be understood, however, that there is no intent to limit the invention to the particular form disclosed, but on the contrary, the intention is to cover all modifications, equivalents, and alternatives falling within the spirit and scope of the invention as defined by the appended claims.

First Embodiment of the Invention

[0057] Referring to FIGS. 1, 2, and 3, there is shown a medical apparatus 10 of the present invention advanced through an opening 52 (i.e. the port site wound) in a wall 54 of a body cavity 56. The medical apparatus 10 includes a trocar assembly 14 and a pair of chemical containers 26. Trocar assembly 14 includes a cannula 16 and a trocar 18. Cannula 16 includes (1) a wall having an outer surface 30, (2) a working channel 20 defined by wall 32, (3) a housing 34, and (4) a pair of fluid delivery channels 22 which are distinct from working channel 20.

[0058] Housing 34 includes an exterior wall segment 110 and an interior wall segment 112 (see FIGS. 2 and 3). Housing 34 also includes an annular shaped interior cavity 36 defined between exterior wall segment 110 and an interior wall segment 112. As shown more clearly in FIG. 1, exterior wall segment 110 has a pair of passageways 88 defined therein which lead to interior cavity 36. As shown in FIG. 3, exterior wall segment 110 also has a track 90 defined therein such that one track 90 is positioned within each passageway 88. In addition, each passageway has a door 94 positioned therein such that door 94 is located within track 90. Having the above described arrangement allows each door 94 to slide within track 90 relative to exterior wall segment 110 in the directions indicated by arrow 96. Sliding doors 94 in the aforementioned manner allows each door 94 to be located in an open or a closed position. For example, FIG. 3 shows door 94 in an open position so as to provide access to interior cavity 36 of housing 34.

[0059] Referring now to FIGS. 2 and 6, housing 34 also has an insufflation valve 108 and a pressure control valve 50 attached thereto. Insufflation valve 108 and pressure control valve 50 extend through exterior wall segment 110 and are

attached to interior wall segment 112. Insufflation valve 108 is in fluid communication with working channel 20. As shown in FIG. 2, insufflation valve 108 is also in fluid communication with pressure control valve 50 via a bleed line 106 defined in interior wall segment 112. Pressure control valve 50 is positioned within a pressure line 46 defined in interior wall segment 112. Pressure line 46 has a pair of entrance ports 114 (also see FIGS. 3 and 8) which lead to interior cavity 36 of housing 34. Each entrance port 114 defines an entrance port end wall 40 (also see FIGS. 3 and 8).

[0060] As shown in FIG. 8, housing 34 includes a fluid delivery needle 38 having a base 100 attached thereto which is positioned in contact with each entrance port end wall 40 of pressure line 46 such that each fluid delivery needle 38 extends into interior cavity 36 of housing 34 (see FIG. 3). Base 100 is secured to each entrance port end wall 40 with an appropriate adhesive (not shown). Each fluid delivery needle 38 has a needle aperture 102 defined therein. Needle aperture 102 leads to a lumen 104 which in turn leads to pressure line 46 in fluid communication with interior cavity 36 through fluid delivery needle 38.

[0061] Referring back to FIGS. 1-3, it should be understood that each fluid delivery channel 22 is preferably defined in wall 32 of cannula 16. Each fluid delivery channel 22 extends substantially along the entire length of cannula 16. In addition, each fluid delivery channel 22 has a number of exit ports 24 in fluid communication therewith which lead to outer surface 30 of cannula 16. As shown in FIG. 3, each fluid delivery channel 22 has a branched end 98 which extends into housing 34. Branched end 98 of each fluid delivery channel 22 defines three additional entrance ports 114 in interior wall segment 112 which lead to interior cavity 36 of housing 34 (i.e. there are a total of six entrance ports 114 defined by the pair of fluid delivery channels 22 and two entrance ports defined by pressure line 46). Each entrance port 114 defines an entrance port end wall 40. It should be understood that having entrance ports 114 positioned in the above described manner places fluid delivery channels 22 in fluid communication with interior cavity 36 of housing 34. In a manner substantially identical as that described above in reference to FIG. 8, a fluid delivery needle 38 is attached to each entrance port end wall 40 via a base 100 so as to place each fluid delivery channel 22 in fluid communication with interior cavity 36 through fluid delivery needle 38 (see FIG. 3).

[0062] As shown in FIG. 6, a pressure source 48 is connected to insufflation valve 108 via hose 116. It should be understood that when insufflation valve 108 is located in an open position (see FIG. 6), a pressurized fluid such as CO₂ can be advanced from pressure source 48 through hose 116 and insufflation valve 108, and into working channel 20 of cannula 16. Once in working channel 20, the fluid is advanced into body cavity 56 to cause insufflation thereof. It should be understood that insufflation valve 108 can also be located in a closed position (not shown) so as to prevent fluid from being advanced from pressure source 48 to body cavity 56. In addition, it should be appreciated that insufflation valve 108 can be located in a desufflate position (not shown) so as to allow pressurized fluid contained within an insufflated body cavity 56 to escape. Specifically, placing insufflation valve 108 in the desufflate position allows the pressurized fluid contained within an insufflated body cavity

56 to be advanced from body cavity **56** to the surrounding environment through working channel **20**, insufflation valve **108**, and an escape port **118** attached to insufflation valve **108**.

[0063] It should also be understood that insufflation valve **108** and pressure control valve **50** can be positioned such that pressure line **46** (see FIG. 2) is in fluid communication with pressure source **48** via a fluid path defined by hose **116**, insufflation valve **108**, bleed line **106** (see FIG. 2), and pressure control valve **50**. Therefore, it should be appreciated that pressurized fluid can be advanced from pressure source **48** to the pair of fluid delivery needles **38** in fluid communication with pressure line **46** (see FIG. 2).

[0064] Referring now to FIGS. 1, 2, 4, and 5, each chemical container **26** has an interior void **28** defined therein (see FIGS. 2 and 4) for receiving a biologically active compound **12**. Each chemical container **26** also includes three exit apertures **42** defined therein (see FIG. 4) which are in fluid communication with interior void **28**. Each exit aperture **42** has a diaphragm **44** positioned therein so as to prevent biologically active compound **12** from leaking out of interior void **28**. Each diaphragm **44** can be made of, for example, silicone rubber. Each chemical container **26** also includes a pressure aperture **120** (see FIG. 4) in fluid communication with interior void **28**. Each pressure aperture **120** has a diaphragm **44** positioned therein so as to form a fluid tight seal between interior void **28** and the exterior of chemical container **26**. As shown in FIG. 5, each chemical container **26** further includes a loading aperture **122** with a diaphragm **44** positioned therein so as to prevent biologically active compound **12** from leaking out of interior void **28**. Chemical containers **26** also include (1) a pressure relief valve **124** in fluid communication with interior void **28** and (2) three ribs **126** defined thereon.

[0065] Biologically active compound **12** includes chemical substances such as antibiotics, cytotoxic agents or compounds which effectively inhibit tumor cell adherence to a membrane. A large number of antimicrobial agents (i.e. antibiotics) or antiseptics are contemplated for use as biologically active compound **12** in the present invention. Preferably, where possible, the antibiotic should be active against both Gram-positive and Gram negative pathogens. The following are illustrative of the antibiotics and/or antiseptics which can be disposed in interior void **28** to aid in the control, inhibition, or prevention of infections of opening **52**: (i) metal salts, or like compounds with antibacterial metal ions, e.g. copper or silver, and optionally with additional nonmetallic ions of antibacterial properties; (ii) topical antibiotics, e.g. neomycin, soframycin, bacitracin, polymycin; (iii) antibacterials such as chlorhexidine and its salts; (iv) quaternary ammonium compounds, e.g. centrimide, domiphen bromide, and polymeric quaternaries; (v) iodophors such as povidone iodine, and polyvinylpyrrolidone-iodine (PVP-I); (vi) acridine compounds such as 9-aminoacridine, 3,6-diaminoacridine and 6,9-diamino-2-ethoxyacridine; and (vii) biguanidine compounds such as 1,6-di(4-chlorophenylbiguanido)hexane, diaminohexylbiguanide, 1,6-di(aminohexylbiguanido)hexane, and polyhexamethylenebiguanide. Additional suitable antibiotics include aminoglycoside antibiotics such as amikacin, butirosin, dideoxykanamycin B (DKP), fortimycin, gentamycin, kanamycin, lividomycin, neomycin, netilmicin, ribostamycin, sagamycins, seldomycins and their epimers,

sisomicin, sorbitin, tobramycin, streptomycins, linkomycins such as clindamycin, lincomycin and rifamycins such as rifampicin and rifamycin. Antibiotics such as polymyxin B sulfate-neomycin sulfate, cleocin phosphate (available from the Upjohn Company, Kalamazoo, Mich.) and erythromycin ethylsuccinate are also contemplated.

[0066] Examples of suitable antiseptics include bromchlo-rophen, hexetidine, buclosamide, salicylic acid, cerium nitrate, chlorhexidine, 5-chloro-8-hydroxyquinoline, copper 8-hydroxyquinolate, acridine orange, undecenoic acid, undecylium chloride and silver salts such as silver sulfadiazine, mafenide, nitrofurazone, clofucarban, tribromasalan, taurolin and noxythiolin.

[0067] With respect to aiding in the control, inhibition or prevention of tumor cell adhesion and implantation and the subsequent metastasis via opening **52**, compounds which effectively block or inhibit tumor cell adhesion (please note that tumor cell adhesion is a step in the metastasis cascade), or destroy tumor cells before adhering to a side wall **58** of opening **52**, or other sites, can be disposed in interior void **28**. Types of compounds which effectively block or inhibit tumor cell adherence include anticoagulants, fibrinolytic agents and compounds which alter the electrical charge of a membrane surface. For example, the surface charge altering and anticoagulant heparin can be disposed in interior void **28**. Additionally, any of several water-soluble high molecular weight glucose polymers (average molecular weight (MW) 75 kdal) otherwise known as dextrans, can also be disposed in interior void **28** to alter the surface electrical charge of any contacted membranes thereby blocking tumor cell adhesion. Preferably a dextran having an average MW of about 40 kdal is used to coat outer surface **30**.

[0068] As stated above, tumor cell destroying compounds, hereinafter referred to as cytotoxic compounds, can also be disposed in interior void **28**. These compounds include cisplatin, carboplatin, 5-fluorouracil, providoneiodine, tumor necrosis factor (TNF)- α , tauromustine, mitomycin C, camptothecin, bleomycin, indomethacin, N-methyl formamide, tamoxifen, sodiumhypochlorite, chlorhexidinecetrimide, adriamycin, methotrexate. Tumor cell destroying compounds also include antimetabolites such as cytarabine, azaribine, mercaptopurine, thioguanine; natural products such as vinblastine, vincristine, dactinomycin, daunorubicin, doxorubicin, bleomycin, mithramycin, mitomycin; and other miscellaneous agents such as cisplatin, hydroxyurea, procarbazine and mitotane, Alkylating agents such as mechlorethamine, nitrogen mustards, ethlenimine derivatives, alkyl sulfonates, nitrosoureas, and triazenes are also contemplated. Moreover, the compounds disclosed by Krakoff, Irwin H. in *Systemic Treatment of Cancer*, CA Cancer J. Clin., vol. 46, No. 3, pages 134-141 (May/June 1996), which is incorporated herein by reference, are contemplated for being disposed in interior void **28**.

[0069] In addition antiangiogenesis agents such as angiostatin and endostatin are included in the group of cytotoxic compounds to be disposed in interior void **28**. Moreover, antibodies, including human monoclonal antibodies are included as cytotoxic compounds. Preferably, the human monoclonal antibody HuMab SK1 as described by Chang, Helena R. et al. in *Human Monoclonal Antibody SK1-Mediated Cytotoxicity Against Colon Cancer Cells*, Dis. Colon Rectum, vol. 36, No. 12, pages 1152-1157

(December 1993) which is incorporated herein by reference, is disposed in interior void 28. Other monoclonal antibodies can also be disposed in interior void 28, for example those produced from hybridomas having the accession numbers HB8573, HB8232 and HB8250 available from the American Type Culture Collection, located at 12301 Parklawn Drive, Rockville Md., 20852. Furthermore, interleukin 2 (IL-2), cytokines or lymphokines are also included in the group of cytotoxic compounds of the present invention. Also contemplated are hyaluronate coating solutions. In addition, gene based cancer drugs are contemplated. Examples of such include gene based cancer drugs directed toward the RAS gene. Another example of a gene based cancer drug is a drug directed toward the EGF receptor (i.e. EGFR). It should also be understood that a combination of any of the above compounds can be disposed in interior void 28.

[0070] During use of medical apparatus 10, trocar 18 is initially located in a first trocar position as shown in phantom in FIG. 1 (i.e. trocar 18 is positioned within working channel 20 of cannula 16). In addition, chemical containers 26 are located outside of interior cavity 36 of housing 34 and doors 94 (see FIG. 3) are located in the closed position (not shown). Trocar 18 of medical apparatus 10 is then placed in contact with, and advanced through, wall 54 of body cavity 56 to create opening 52 as shown in FIG. 1. Preferably, medical apparatus 10 is advanced through a wall 54 of a non-vascular body cavity 56. What is meant herein by non-vascular body cavity 56 is a body cavity which is not defined by one or more blood vessels. Examples of non-vascular body cavities 56 in which medical apparatus 10 is preferably used include the peritoneal cavity and the thoracic cavity. Once medical apparatus 10 is positioned as described above, trocar 18 is moved to a second trocar position (i.e. trocar 18 is completely removed from working channel 20 of cannula 16). Insufflation valve 108 is then located in the open position (see FIG. 6) so that pressurized CO₂ is advanced from pressure source 48 through hose 116 and insufflation valve 108, and into working channel 20 of cannula 16. Once in working channel 20, the pressurized CO₂ is advanced into body cavity 56 to cause insufflation thereof. Once body cavity 56 is insufflated a medical instrument, such as a laparoscope (not shown), is inserted down through working channel 20 and into body cavity 56 such that a surgeon can visually inspect the interior of body cavity 56 for possible signs of cancer (e.g. the presence of a tumor in body cavity 56) or an infection. Therefore, it should be appreciated that the cross-sectional area of working channel 20 should be sized for the passage of a laparoscope therethrough. For example, typical laparoscopes have diameters of about 5 mm to about 10 mm. Thus, working channel 20 should have a diameter or cross-sectional area sized to accommodate the insertion of a laparoscope therethrough. After inspecting the interior of body cavity 56 with a laparoscope and no signs of cancer or infection are detected, and the surgeon is satisfied that no cancer or infection is present within body cavity 56, the surgical procedure can proceed in a manner that is well known in the art.

[0071] However, if cancer or infection is detected within body cavity 56, or if the surgeon suspects cancer or an infection is present, each chemical container 26 is loaded, under the surgeon's direction, with a predetermined amount of an appropriate biologically active compound 12. Specifically, a syringe (not shown) is filled with a predetermined amount of the appropriate biologically active compound 12

and the hypodermic needle of the syringe is inserted through diaphragm 44 of loading aperture 122 (see FIG. 5). The predetermined amount of biologically active compound 12 is then advanced from the syringe through the hypodermic needle and into interior void 28 (see FIG. 4) of chemical container 26 in a well known manner. Once an appropriate amount of biologically active compound 12 has been disposed within interior void 28 the hypodermic needle of the syringe is withdrawn from diaphragm 44 of loading aperture 122. It should be understood that diaphragm 44 will self seal once the hypodermic needle is removed therefrom to prevent any biologically active compound 12 from leaking out through loading aperture 122. It should also be understood that having a posterior wall 128 (see FIG. 5) of chemical container 26 made from a transparent or translucent substance (e.g. plastic) is contemplated so that the surgeon can visually confirm that the chemical container 26 is loaded with biologically active compound 12.

[0072] Once both chemical containers 26 are loaded in the above described manner, each door 94 (see FIG. 3) is located in the open position and each chemical container 26 is positioned within housing 34 of cannula 16. Specifically, as shown in FIG. 1, each chemical container 26 is positioned relative to housing 34 such that exit apertures 42 and pressure aperture 120 face passageways 88. Each chemical container 26 is further positioned relative to housing 34 such that ribs 126 (see FIG. 5) formed on chemical container 26 are aligned with corresponding grooves 130 (see FIG. 3) defined in exterior wall segment 110. Both chemical containers 26 are then advanced toward passageways 88 such that ribs 126 are positioned within grooves 130 and both chemical containers 26 are partially located within interior cavity 36 of housing 34.

[0073] It should be understood that positioning ribs 126 within grooves 130 in the above described manner aligns each fluid delivery needle 38 in fluid communication with fluid delivery channel 22 (see FIG. 3) with a corresponding diaphragm 44 positioned within an exit aperture 42 (see FIG. 4). In addition, positioning ribs 126 within grooves 130 aligns each fluid delivery needle 38 in fluid communication with pressure line 46 (see FIG. 3) with a corresponding diaphragm 44 positioned within a pressure aperture 120 (see FIG. 4). Once aligned in the above described manner, both chemical containers 26 are advanced further into interior cavity 36 until each fluid delivery needle 38 in fluid communication with a fluid delivery channel 22 pierces and is advanced through the corresponding diaphragm 44 positioned within an exit aperture 42 (see FIG. 2). In a similar manner, both fluid delivery needles 38 in fluid communication with pressure line 46 pierce and are advanced through the corresponding diaphragm 44 positioned within pressure aperture 120 (see FIG. 2). Advancing fluid delivery needles 38 through diaphragms 44 in the above described manner places each fluid delivery channel 22 in fluid communication with interior void 28 of the corresponding chemical container 26. In addition, pressure line 46 is placed in fluid communication with interior void 28 of each chemical container 26.

[0074] However, it should be appreciated that, in contrast to having chemical containers 26 removable from housing 34 as described above, chemical containers 26 can be integrally formed with housing 34 of cannula 16. In this situation, chemical containers 26 function in a substantially

identical manner as described above, with the exception that chemical containers **26** are never removed from housing **34**. In particular, chemical containers **26** are loaded with a predetermined amount of biologically active compound **12** while the chemical containers **26** are positioned within and secured to housing **34**. Moreover, it should be understood that chemical containers can be integrally formed with cannula **16** such that chemical containers are never removed from cannula **16**.

[0075] After placing fluid delivery channels **22** and pressure line **46** in fluid communication with interior void **28** of each chemical container **26** doors **94** are located in the closed position. Insufflation valve **108** and pressure control valve **50** are then positioned such that pressure line **46** (see FIG. 2) is in fluid communication with pressure source **48**. Pressurized fluid (i.e. CO₂) is then advanced from pressure source **48** into interior void **28** of each chemical container **26** via the fluid delivery needles **38** extending through pressure apertures **120**. Advancing fluid into interior void **28** increases the pressure therein. However, it should be understood that pressure control valve **50** can be adjusted to control the pressure within interior void **28** of each chemical container **26**. It should also be understood that pressure relief valve **124** is designed to release an amount of the pressurized fluid if the pressure within interior void **28** becomes to great. Since interior void **28** of each chemical container **26** is in fluid communication with body cavity **56** via a fluid path defined by exit ports **24**, fluid delivery channels **22**, and fluid delivery needles **38**, having pressure relief valve **124** designed in the above described manner also ensures that the pressure within body cavity **56** does not become to great.

[0076] Once biologically active compound **12** is located in fluid delivery channel **22**, biologically active compound **12** is advanced along the length of cannula **16** in a direction indicated by arrow **132** as shown in FIG. 2. While being advanced in the above described manner, biologically active compound **12** comes into fluid communication with exit ports **24** (see FIG. 2). As biologically active compound **12** encounters each exit port **24** a portion of biologically compound **12** advances through each exit port **24** and is delivered to outer surface **30** of cannula **16** as shown in FIG. 1. The above described process of delivering biologically active compound **12** to outer surface **30** can be continued until both chemical containers **26** are substantially emptied and essentially all of biologically active compound **12** has been delivered to outer surface **30** of cannula **16**. However, if required, the surgeon can reopen doors **94** and inject an additional predetermined amount of biologically compound **12** into each interior void **28** of chemical containers **26** as described above so as to continue the process of delivering biologically active compound **12** to outer surface **30**.

[0077] It should be appreciated that as biologically active compound **12** is delivered to outer surface **30** of cannula **16** an amount of biologically active compound **12** is transferred from outer surface **30** to side wall **58** of opening **52** as shown in FIG. 1. In addition it should be appreciated that as biologically active compound **12** is delivered to outer surface **30** of cannula **16** an amount of biologically active compound **12** can be transferred from outer surface **30** to an inside surface **57** of body cavity **56** (see FIG. 1) by positioning cannula **16** at an angle relative to side wall **58**. It should further be appreciated that biologically active compound **12** can be continuously transferred to side wail **58**

and inside surface **57** such that essentially the entire amount of biologically active compound **12** contained in chemical containers **26** is transferred to side wall **58** and inside surface **57**. Once located in contact with side wall **58** or inside surface **57**, biologically active compound **12** establishes a “pharmacological barrier” that helps prevent tumor cell implantation in opening **52** and/or the contamination of opening **52** with viable infectious microbes. Therefore, once opening **52** is protected in the above described manner the surgical procedure can proceed.

[0078] If necessary, in order to keep biologically active compound **12** from falling or sliding off outer surface **30** due to gravity, or being advanced out of exit ports **24** to quickly, biologically active compound **12** can contain a suitable pharmaceutically acceptable carrier. Such pharmaceutically acceptable carriers include known excipients and auxiliaries which facilitate the processing of biologically active compound **12** into a preparation which has the appropriate consistency to be advanced out of exit ports **24** in a controlled manner and thus disposed on outer surface **30**, side wall **58**, and interior surface **57**.

[0079] Suitable excipients which may be used to prepare a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, such as a paste or a viscous solution, include fillers such as saccharides, for example lactose or sucrose, mannitol or sorbitol, cellulose preparations and/or calcium phosphates, for example tricalcium phosphate or calcium hydrogen phosphate, as well as binders such as starch paste, using, for example, maize starch, wheat starch, rice starch, potato starch, gelatin tragacanth, methyl cellulose, hydroxypropylmethylcellulose, sodium carboxymethylcellulose, and/or polyvinyl pyrrolidone. If desired, disintegrating agents may be added such as the above-mentioned starches and also carboxymethylstarch, cross-linked polyvinyl pyrrolidone, agar, or alginic acid or a salt thereof, such as sodium alginate. Additionally, silica, talc, stearic acid or salts thereof such as magnesium stearate or calcium stearate, and/or polyethylene glycol can be used.

[0080] In addition, a suspension of biologically active compound **12** may be disposed on outer surface **30** or side wall **58**. Suitable vehicles for such suspensions include sesame oil or synthetic fatty acid esters, for example, ethyl oleate or triglycerides. Such suspensions can include substances which increase the viscosity of the suspension including, for example, sodium carboxymethyl cellulose, sorbitol and/or a dextran.

[0081] The exact formulation of a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier will depend upon the particular nature of biologically active compound **12** to be disposed upon outer surface **30** and is easily determinable by one of ordinary skill in the art from only routine experimentation.

[0082] Being able to deliver essentially all of biologically active compound **12** contained within chemical containers **26** to side wall **58** or into body cavity **56** allows a surgeon to accurately determine the total amount of biologically active compound **12** administered to a patient during a surgical procedure. Knowing the total amount of biologically active compound **12** administered to the patient allows the surgeon to accurately control the dose administered to the patient and thus ensure that a proper dosage regimen for that particular patient is followed. The proper dosage regimen for a particular patient is dependent upon several

factors including the age, sex, weight, condition of the recipient, kind of concurrent treatment, if any, frequency of treatment and the nature of the effect desired. In addition, the dosage regimen will also depend upon the immunologic status of the patient and the aggressiveness of the tumor. Moreover, the amount of biologically active compound **12** administered to the patient should be large enough to produce the desired effect but not so large as to cause adverse side effects, such as unwanted cross reactions, impaired wound healing, bleeding, impaired platelet function, anaphylactic reactions and the like. Counterindication, if any, immune tolerance and other variables will also affect the proper amount administered to the patient. The exact formulation of a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and the amount of biologically active compound **12** contained therein (and therefore the amount administered to the patient) is easily determinable by one of ordinary skill in the art from only routine experimentation and by applying well known principles of therapeutics as set forth, for example, in Gilman, Alfred G. et al., eds., *The Pharmacological Basis of Therapeutics*, 6th Edition, Macmillan Publishing Co., Inc. New York, N.Y. (1980) which is herein incorporated by reference. Preferably, such preparations will contain about 0.001 to about 99 percent biologically active compound **12** together with the pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

[0083] The above described ability of the present invention which allows a surgeon to accurately determine the total amount of biologically active compound **12** disposed on outer surface **30** (and thus administered to a patient) during a surgical procedure represents a significant advantage over other methods of disposing biologically active compound **12** onto a medical apparatus (e.g. dipping the medical apparatus in a solution or suspension of biologically active compound **12** or the unquantified irrigation of opening **52** with biologically active compound **12**). Specifically, many of the less accurate methods do not allow the surgeon to accurately control the amount of biologically active compound **12** administered to the patient. Therefore, these less accurate methods of disposing biologically active compound **12** onto the medical apparatus make it very difficult for the surgeon to ensure that a proper dosage regimen for a particular patient or cancer is being followed.

[0084] The present invention also allows a surgeon to avoid utilizing a biologically active compound **12** until it is deemed necessary. This is not possible with the aforementioned less accurate methods. For example, the dipping of a medical apparatus (i.e. a medical apparatus similar to medical apparatus **10**) in a solution or suspension of biologically active compound **12** must be performed prior to the beginning of the surgery at a time when the surgeon has not visually confirmed the presence of cancer or infection in body cavity **56**. The surgeon must dispose biologically active compound **12** on the medical device before the beginning of the surgery since withdrawing the medical apparatus after the surgery has started would cause a loss of the insufflation of body cavity **56** which can complicate the surgical procedure. Therefore, in many circumstances the surgeon will unnecessarily utilize biologically active compound **12** when no cancer or an infection is present which increases the cost of the surgical procedure. This is in contrast to the present invention which allows the surgeon to (1) begin the surgical procedure, (2) confirm whether biologically active compound **12** is required, and (3) only if needed, administer an accurate controllable amount of bio-

logical compound **12** to the patient without interrupting the surgical procedure and withdrawing medical apparatus **10** from body cavity **56**.

Second Embodiment of the Invention

[0085] Now referring to FIG. 7, there is shown a medical apparatus **60** similar to the medical apparatus **10** shown in FIG. 1. Medical apparatus **60** is shown advanced through an opening **134** in a wall **136** of a body cavity **138**. Medical apparatus **60** includes a trocar assembly **78**, a sleeve **62**, and a pair of chemical containers **74**. Trocar assembly **78** includes a trocar **82** positioned within a lumen **140** of a cannula **80**. Trocar **82** is positionable between a first trocar position and a second trocar position as described above for trocar **18** (i.e. trocar **82** is positioned with lumen **140** of cannula **80** in the first trocar position and completely removed from lumen **140** in the second trocar position).

[0086] Sleeve **62** is substantially identical in construction to cannula **16** discussed above in reference to FIGS. 1, 2, 3, and 6 with the exception that sleeve **62** includes a sealing member **86** extending therefrom. For example, sleeve **62** also includes (1) a wall **84** having an outer surface **76**, (2) a working channel **64** defined by wall **84**, (3) a housing **70**, and (4) a pair of fluid delivery channels **66** which are distinct from working channel **64** and are in fluid communication with a number of exit ports **68**. As shown in FIG. 7, fluid delivery channels **66** are preferably defined in wall **84** of sleeve **62** and extend all the way to an end **142** of sealing member **86**. It should be understood that sealing member **86** operates in a substantially identical manner, and has a substantially identical construction and function, as sealing members described in a United States Patent Application filed on Oct. 21, 1997 having application Ser. No. 08/955, 256 (inventor Stephen P. Moenning) which is incorporated herein by reference, with the exception that sealing member **86** has fluid delivery channels **66** and exit ports **68** defined therein.

[0087] It should be understood that housing **70** is substantially identical in construction to housing **34** discussed above. Furthermore, fluid delivery channels **66** are in fluid communication with the interior cavity (not shown) of housing **70** in a substantially identical manner as described above in reference to fluid delivery channels **22**.

[0088] Moreover, each chemical container **74** is constructed in a substantially identical manner as that described above for chemical containers **26**. For example, each chemical container **74** has an interior void (not shown; see FIG. 3) defined therein for receiving biologically active compound **12**.

[0089] Medical apparatus **60** is used in a similar fashion as that described above for medical apparatus **10** with some modifications to account for the presence of sleeve **62**. Specifically, trocar **82** is initially located in the first trocar position, and trocar assembly **78** is positioned within working channel **64** of sleeve **62** as shown in phantom in FIG. 7. Sealing member **86** is then positioned in a substantially parallel relationship with working channel **64** of sleeve **62**. Trocar **82** of medical apparatus **60** is then placed in contact with, and advanced through, wall **136** of body cavity **138** to create opening **134**. Once medical apparatus **60** is positioned as described above, trocar **82** is moved to the second trocar position. Sealing member **86** is then positioned in a sub-

stantially orthogonal relationship with working channel 64 of sleeve 62 as shown in FIG. 7. Sleeve 62 is then positioned relative to opening 134 such that sealing member 86 makes contact with an interior surface 144 of body cavity 138.

[0090] Body cavity 138 is then insufflated in a similar manner as that described above in reference to FIG. 6 (i.e. body cavity 134 is insufflated via the insufflation valve (not shown) attached to housing 70 and pressure source 48. Once body cavity 138 is insufflated, and as previously discussed a determination is made that biologically active compound 12 is required based upon the presence of a cancer or an infection within body cavity 138, chemical containers 74 are loaded with biologically active compound 12 as previously described. Once loaded, chemical containers 74 are positioned within the interior cavity (not shown) of housing 70 in a substantially identical manner as that previously described above in reference to FIGS. 1-5. That is, chemical containers 74 are positioned within the interior cavity of housing 74 such that the interior void of each chemical container 74 is in fluid communication with (1) a fluid delivery channel 66 and (2) a pressure line defined in housing 70 which is substantially identical to pressure line 46 defined in housing 34 (see FIG. 2).

[0091] Once chemical containers 74 are positioned in the above described manner, the insufflation valve (not shown) and a pressure control valve (not shown) attached to housing 70 (i.e. a pressure control valve substantially identical to pressure control valve 50) are manipulated such that the interior void of each chemical container 74 is in fluid communication with pressure source 48. Bringing the interior void of each chemical container 74 into fluid communication with pressure source 48 advances biologically active compound 12 contained therein into each fluid delivery channel 66.

[0092] Once biologically active compound 12 is located in fluid delivery channel 66, biologically active compound 12 is advanced along the length of sleeve 62 and sealing member 86 in a direction indicated by arrows 146 and 147 as shown in FIG. 7. While being advanced in the above described manner, biologically active compound 12 comes into fluid communication with exit ports 68. As biologically active compound 12 encounters each exit port 68 a portion of biologically compound 12 advances through each exit port 68 and is delivered to outer surface 76 of sleeve 62 in a manner similar to that shown in FIG. 1. In addition, an amount of biologically active compound 12 is delivered to a contact surface 150 of sealing member 86. It should be appreciated that as biologically active compound 12 is delivered to outer surface 76 of sleeve 62 an amount of biologically active compound 12 is transferred from outer surface 76 to side wall 148 of opening 134 as shown in FIG. 7. In addition, it should be appreciated that as biologically active compound 12 is delivered to contact surface 150 of sealing member 86 an amount of biologically active compound 12 is transferred from contact surface 150 into contact with interior surface 144 of body cavity 138. It should further be appreciated that biologically active compound 12 can be continuously transferred to side wall 148 and interior surface 144 such that essentially the entire amount of biologically active compound 12 contained in chemical containers 74 is transferred to side wall 148 and interior surface 144. Once located in contact with side wall 148 and interior surface 144, biologically active compound 12 estab-

lishes a "pharmacological barrier" that helps prevent tumor cell implantation in opening 134 and/or the contamination of opening 134 with viable infectious microbes. Therefore, it should be understood that medical apparatus 60 has all of the advantages as described above in reference to medical apparatus 10.

Third Embodiment of the Invention

[0093] Referring to FIGS. 9 and 10, there is shown a medical apparatus 200 of the present invention advanced through opening 52 (i.e. the port site wound) in wall 54 of body cavity 56. Medical apparatus 200 is substantially identical to medical apparatus 10, therefore the components of medical apparatus 200 have the same reference numbers as medical apparatus 10. In addition, it should be understood that medical apparatus 200 functions in substantially the same way, and has the same advantages as, medical apparatus 10. Therefore, only the differences between medical apparatus 10 and medical apparatus 200 will be discussed in detail herein.

[0094] With respect to the differences between medical apparatus 10 and medical apparatus 200, rather than having delivery channels 22 defined in cannula 16, medical apparatus 200 has grooves 202 defined in outer surface 30 of cannula 16. Similar to delivery channels 22, grooves 202 function to deliver a biologically active compound to outer surface 30 of cannula 16. As shown in FIG. 10, each groove 202 is in fluid communication with interior void 28 of a chemical container 26 via a conduit 204 defined in housing 34.

[0095] Medical apparatus 200 is used in a substantially identical fashion as that described above for medical apparatus 10. Once medical apparatus 200 is positioned as shown in FIG. 9, body cavity 56 is insufflated in an identical manner as that described above in reference to FIG. 6. Once body cavity 56 is insufflated, and as previously discussed a determination is made that biologically active compound 12 is required based upon the presence of a cancer or an infection within body cavity 56, chemical containers 26 are loaded with biologically active compound 12 as previously described. Once loaded, chemical containers 26 are positioned within the interior cavity 36 of housing 34 in a substantially identical manner as that previously described above in reference to FIGS. 1-5. That is, chemical containers 26 are positioned within the interior cavity 36 of housing 34 such that the interior void of each chemical container 26 is in fluid communication with (1) a conduit 204 and (2) a groove 202.

[0096] Once chemical containers 26 are positioned in the above described manner, the insufflation valve 108 and pressure control valve 50 are manipulated such that the interior void of each chemical container 26 is in fluid communication with pressure source 48. Bringing the interior void of each chemical container 26 into fluid communication with pressure source 48 advances biologically active compound 12 contained therein into each groove 202 via conduits 204.

[0097] Once biologically active compound 12 is located in grooves 202, biologically active compound 12 is advanced along the length of cannula 16 in a direction indicated by arrow 206 as shown in FIG. 9. It should be appreciated that as biologically active compound 12 is advanced through

grooves **202** an amount of biologically active compound **12** is transferred from outer surface **30** to side wall **58** of opening **52** as shown in **FIG. 9**. In addition, it should be appreciated that as biologically active compound **12** is advanced through grooves **202**, an amount of biologically active compound **12** is transferred from outer surface **30** to side wall **58** of opening **52** as shown in **FIG. 9**. In addition, it should be appreciated that as biologically active compound **12** is advanced through grooves **202** and transferred to side wall **58** of opening **52**, biologically active compound **12** establishes a “pharmacological barrier” that prevents tumor cell implantation in opening **52** and/or the contamination of opening **52** with viable infectious microbes. Therefore, once opening **52** is protected in the above described manner the surgical procedure can proceed.

[0098] If necessary, the distal portion of each groove **202** can have a sponge material **214** disposed therein, as shown in **FIG. 9**. For example, the distal two thirds of each groove **202** can have sponge material **214** disposed therein. Having sponge material **214** disposed within each groove **202** ensures that no insufflation gas is allowed to escape from within body cavity **56** through groove **202**. In particular, as biologically active compound **12** advances down each groove **202** in the direction indicated by arrow **206** biologically active compound **12** comes into contact with sponge material **214** disposed within groove **202**. Contacting sponge material **214** with biologically active compound **12** results in sponge material **214** swelling so as to fill groove **202** and thus prevent any insufflation from escaping from body cavity **56** via groove **202**. However, it should be understood that sponge material **214** still allows biologically active compound **12** to pass therethrough and be disposed upon side wall **58** of opening **52**. It should be understood that sponge material **214** can be any porous, liquid absorbent material, which allows the passage of biologically active compound **12** therethrough while preventing the leakage of insufflation gas, and can be temporarily inserted into a body cavity such as body cavity **56**. For example sponge material **214** can be made from a surgical sponge.

[0099] As shown in **FIGS. 11 and 12**, in contrast to having grooves **202** defined in outer surface **30** of cannula **16**, grooves **202** can also be defined in an interior surface **208** of cannula **16**. When grooves **202** are defined in interior surface **208**, medical apparatus **200** functions in a substantially identical manner as described above in reference to **FIGS. 9 and 10** with the exception that each groove **202** is in fluid communication with an exit port **210** defined in cannula **16**. Each exit port **210** leads from interior surface **208** to outer surface **30**. Therefore, as biologically active compound **12** is advanced through each groove **202** in the direction indicated by arrow **206** (see **FIG. 11**) biologically active compound **12** comes into contact with, and is advanced through, an exit port **210** such that biologically active compound **12** is transferred from interior surface **208** to outer surface **30** of cannula **16** in the direction indicated by arrow **212** (see **FIG. 12**). (Note that while exit ports **210** are shown being defined in substantially the entire length cannula **16**, it is also contemplated that exit ports **210** are only defined in, for example, the distal two thirds of cannula **16**.) Once biologically active compound **12** is transferred to outer surface **30** of cannula **16**, biologically active compound **12** is transferred to side wall **58** of opening **52** where it establishes a “pharmacological barrier” that prevents tumor cell implan-

tation in opening **52** and/or the contamination of opening **52** with viable infectious microbes.

[0100] While the invention has been illustrated and described in detail in the drawings and foregoing description, such illustration and description is to be considered as exemplary and not restrictive in character, it being understood that only the preferred embodiments have been shown and described and that all changes and modifications that come within the spirit of the invention are desired to be protected. For example, while chemical containers **26** and **74** are described above as being separate from housings **34** and **70**, respectively, other arrangements are contemplated. As discussed above, one such arrangement incorporates chemical containers **26** and **74** into housings **34** and **70**, respectively, such that each chemical container is “built in” or integral to the housing.

What is claimed is:

1. A medical apparatus for dispensing a biologically active compound, comprising:
 - a trocar assembly including a cannula and a trocar, wherein (1) said cannula has a working channel defined therein through which medical instruments may be advanced, (2) said cannula includes a fluid delivery channel which is distinct from said working channel, and (3) said fluid delivery channel has an exit;
 - a valve in fluid communication with said working channel, said valve being positionable between an open position and a closed position such that (i) when said valve is located in said open position a gas can be advanced into said working channel and (ii) when said valve is located in said closed position said gas is prevented from being advanced into said working channel; and
 - a chemical container having an interior void defined therein for receiving said biologically active compound, said interior void being in fluid communication with said exit through said fluid delivery channel, whereby said biologically active compound may be delivered through said fluid delivery channel to an outer surface of said cannula.
2. The medical apparatus of claim 1, wherein:
 - said trocar is positionable between a first trocar position and a second trocar position,
 - said trocar is positioned within said working channel of said cannula when said trocar is positioned at said first trocar position, and
 - said trocar is completely removed from said working channel of said cannula when said trocar is positioned at said second trocar position.
3. The medical apparatus of claim 1, wherein:
 - said fluid delivery channel is defined in a wall of said cannula.
4. The medical apparatus of claim 3, wherein:
 - said fluid delivery channel includes a groove defined in a surface of said cannula.
5. The medical apparatus of claim 4, further comprising:
 - a sponge material disposed in said groove.

- 6.** The medical apparatus of claim 1, wherein:
 said trocar assembly further includes a housing secured to
 said cannula, and
 said chemical container is integrally formed with said
 housing.
- 7.** A medical procedure for dispensing a biologically active compound, comprising said steps of:
 creating an opening in a wall of a non-vascular body cavity;
 advancing a medical apparatus through said opening and into said non-vascular body cavity, said medical apparatus including a trocar assembly having (1) a cannula and a trocar, wherein (A) said cannula has a working channel defined therein through which medical instruments may be advanced, (B) said cannula includes a fluid delivery channel which is distinct from said working channel, and (C) said fluid delivery channel has an exit, and (2) a chemical container having an interior void defined therein for receiving said biologically active compound, said interior void being in fluid communication with said exit through said fluid delivery channel; and
 advancing said biologically active compound from said interior void of said chemical container onto an exterior surface of said cannula through a fluid path defined by said fluid delivery channel.
- 8.** The medical procedure of claim 7, wherein:
 said biologically active compound advancing step includes the step of positioning said medical apparatus relative to said opening such that an amount of said biologically active compound is transferred from said exterior surface of said cannula to a side wall of said opening.
- 9.** The medical procedure of claim 7, wherein:
 said trocar is positionable between a first trocar position and a second trocar position,
 said trocar is positioned within said working channel of said cannula when said trocar is positioned at said first trocar position, and
 said trocar is completely removed from said working channel of said cannula when said trocar is positioned at said second trocar position.
- 10.** The medical procedure of claim 7, wherein:
 said fluid delivery channel is defined in a wall of said cannula.
- 11.** The medical procedure of claim 10, wherein:
 said fluid delivery channel includes a groove defined in a surface of said cannula.
- 12.** A medical apparatus for dispensing a biologically active compound, comprising:
 a sleeve, wherein (1) said sleeve has a working channel defined therein through which medical instruments may be advanced, (2) said sleeve includes a fluid delivery channel which is distinct from said working channel, and (3) said fluid delivery channel has an exit;
 a housing secured to said sleeve, said housing having an interior void defined therein for receiving said biologically active compound, wherein said interior void is in fluid communication with said exit through said fluid delivery channel such that said biologically active compound may be delivered through said fluid delivery channel to an outer surface of said sleeve; and
 an insufflation valve in fluid communication with said working channel, said insufflation valve being positionable between an open position and a closed position such that (i) when said insufflation valve is located in said open position an insufflation gas can be advanced into said working channel and (ii) when said insufflation valve is located in said closed position said insufflation gas is prevented from being advanced into said working channel.
- 13.** The medical apparatus of claim 12, further comprising a trocar assembly including a cannula and a trocar, wherein:
 said trocar assembly is positionable between a first trocar assembly position and a second trocar assembly position,
 said trocar assembly is located within said working channel of said sleeve when said trocar assembly is positioned at said first trocar assembly position, and
 said trocar assembly is completely removed from said working channel of said sleeve when said trocar assembly is positioned at said second trocar assembly position.
- 14.** The medical apparatus of claim 12, wherein:
 said fluid delivery channel is defined in a wall of said sleeve.
- 15.** The medical apparatus of claim 14, wherein:
 said fluid delivery channel includes a groove defined in a surface of said sleeve.
- 16.** The medical apparatus of claim 12, wherein:
 said sleeve further includes a number of sealing members extending therefrom.
- 17.** The medical apparatus of claim 12, wherein:
 said housing is integrally formed with said sleeve.
- 18.** A medical apparatus for dispensing a biologically active compound, comprising:
 a trocar assembly including a cannula and a trocar, wherein (1) said cannula has a working channel defined therein, said working channel having a cross-sectional area sized for passage of a laparoscope therethrough, (2) said cannula includes a fluid delivery channel which is distinct from said working channel, and (3) said fluid delivery channel has an exit; and
 a chemical container having an interior void defined therein for receiving said biologically active compound, said interior void being in fluid communication with said exit through said fluid delivery channel, whereby said biologically active compound may be delivered through said fluid delivery channel to an outer surface of said cannula.
- 19.** The medical apparatus of claim 18, wherein:
 said fluid delivery channel includes a groove defined in a surface of said cannula.
- 20.** The medical apparatus of claim 18 further comprising:
 a valve in fluid communication with said working channel, said valve being positionable between an open

position and a closed position such that (i) when said valve is located in said open position a gas can be advanced into said working channel and (ii) when said valve is located in said closed position said gas is prevented from being advanced into said working channel.

21. The medical apparatus of claim 18, wherein:

said chemical container is integrally formed with said cannula.

22. A medical procedure for dispensing a biologically active compound, comprising the steps of:

creating an opening in a wall of a body cavity;

advancing a medical apparatus through the opening and into the body cavity, said medical apparatus including a trocar assembly having (1) a cannula and a trocar, wherein (A) said cannula has a working channel defined therein through which medical instruments may be advanced, (B) said cannula includes a fluid

delivery channel which is distinct from said working channel, and (C) said fluid delivery channel has an exit port, and (2) a chemical container having an interior void defined therein for receiving said biologically active compound, said interior void being in fluid communication with said exit port through said fluid delivery channel;

advancing a gas into said body cavity; and

advancing said biologically active compound from said interior void of said chemical container onto an exterior surface of said cannula through a fluid path defined by said fluid delivery channel.

23. An arrangement for delivering a biologically active compound, comprising:

a chemical container configured to be removably disposed in a void of a housing of a trocar assembly.

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摘要(译)

一种用于分配生物活性化合物的医疗设备。该医疗设备包括套管，其中(1)套管具有限定在其中的工作通道，医疗器械可以通过该工作通道前进。(2)套管包括与工作通道不同的流体输送通道，(3)流体输送通道具有出口，并且(4)套管包括壳体，壳体中限定有内腔。该医疗设备还包括与工作通道流体连通的注气阀。吹气阀可定位在打开位置和关闭位置之间，使得(i)当吹气阀位于打开位置时，吹入气体可以进入工作通道，以及(ii)当吹气阀位于打开位置时在关闭位置，防止吹入气体进入工作通道。所述医疗设备还包括化学容器，所述化学容器具有限定在其中的内部空隙，用于接收所述生物活性化合物，其中当所述化学容器定位在所述外壳的内腔内时，所述内部空隙通过所述流体输送通道与所述出口流体连通。这样，生物活性化合物可以通过流体输送通道输送到套管的外表面。

