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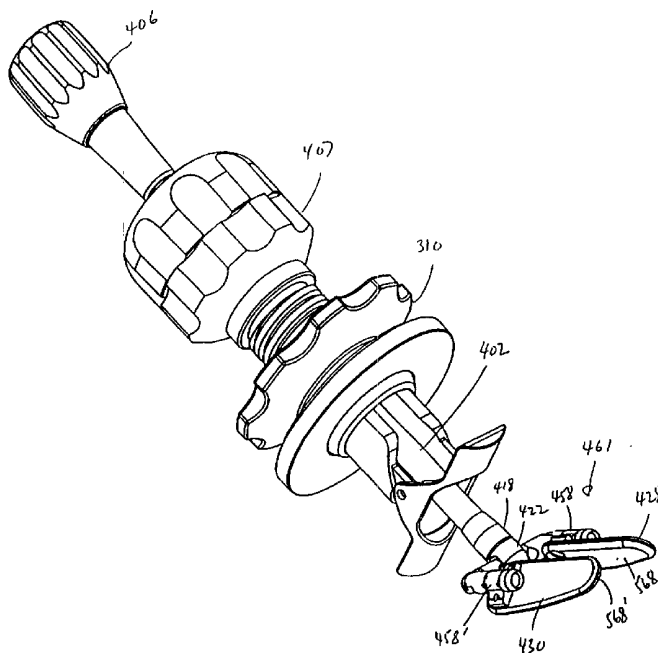
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(54) Title: SYSTEMS FOR THROUGH-PORT OFF-PUMP CORONARY ARTERY SURGERY



(57) Abstract: A system for performing through-port off-pump coronary artery bypass surgery includes a port (10) insertable between ribs into a chest wall of a patient, a heart stabilizer (461) extendable through and stably coupable to the port, and an instrument stabilizer (1100) adapted to dampen extraneous movement to which a surgical instrument extending through the stabilizer is subject.



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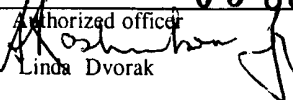
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