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45. The device of claim **27** wherein said first and second water soluble ionizable compounds have a solubility in aqueous solution at room temperature of at least about 0.1 g/liter.

46. The device of claim **45** wherein said solubility is at least about 5 g/liter. 5

47. The device of claim **45** wherein said medical compound has a solubility in aqueous solution at room temperature of less than about 0.1 g/liter.

48. The device of claim **47** said solubility is less than about 0.05 g/liter. 10

49. The device of claim **27** which is a pre-shaped medical device.

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50. The device of claim **27** which is selected from the group consisting of stents, catheters or cannulas, plugs, constrictors and tissue or biological encapsulants.

51. The device of claim **27** which is contacted with each of said solutions by immersion.

52. The device of claim **27** which is prepared by the further step of:

(c) washing said device after step (b) with water to remove excess water soluble ions from said device.

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