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[54] **VASCULAR PROSTHESES COMPOSED OF POLYTETRAFLUOROETHYLENE AND PROCESS FOR THEIR PRODUCTION**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A vascular prosthesis comprising a tubing of porous polytetrafluoroethylene, the polytetrafluoroethylene tubing having a fibrous structure of nodes and fibers connecting the nodes together and having a structure in which the fibrous structure at the inside surface of the tubing is finer than the fibrous structure at the outside surface of the tubing.

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