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[54] **ORAL DOSAGE AND METHOD FOR TREATING PAINFUL CONDITIONS OF THE ORAL CAVITY**

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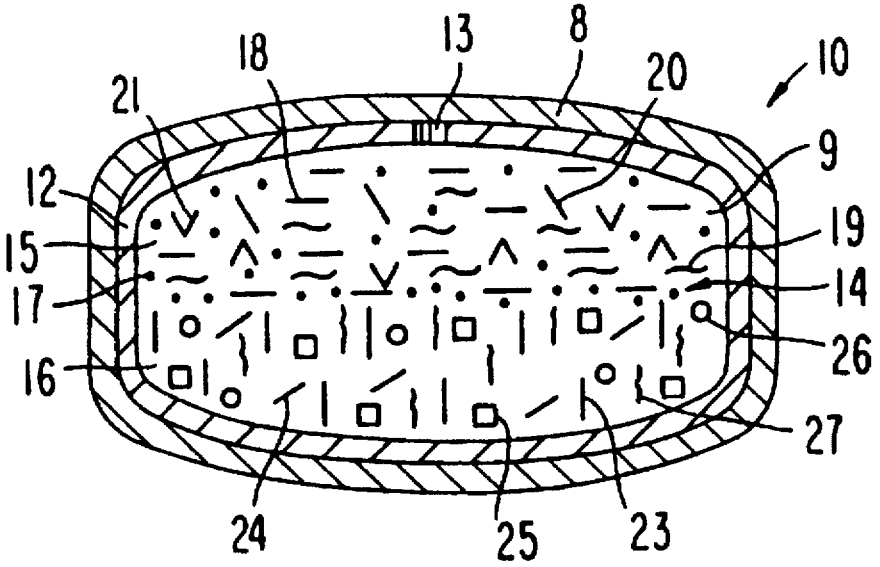
[57] **ABSTRACT**

A method is described for delivering a beneficial agent, such as an antiinflammatory agent, to the site of a painful condition in the oral cavity of a human being that utilizes an oral dosage form having an immediately releasable topical anesthetic and a sustained release beneficial agent. The topical anesthetic is released substantially independently of the beneficial agent to provide immediate pain relief and the application of the beneficial agent is continued over a long period of time.

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