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[54] **CATHETER GUIDE WIRE**

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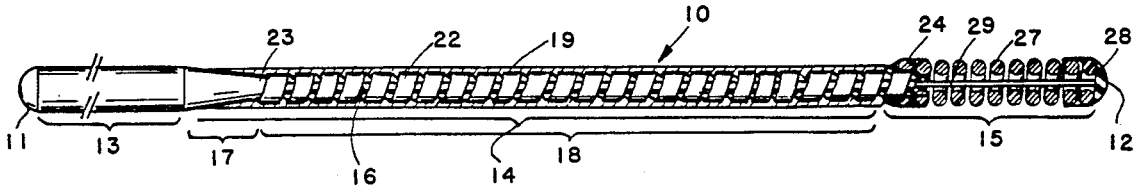
[57] **ABSTRACT**

A catheter guide wire comprising: a flexible, torqueable proximal wire section, a more flexible intermediate section with a flexible polymer tube covering, and a most flexible distal end section. A helical ribbon coil is wrapped about the intermediate core segment between the wire core and the polymer tube covering to increase radiopacity and improve torque transmission while retaining flexibility.

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