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| <p>(54) Title: MEDICAL DEVICE WITH ELASTOMERIC BULB</p> | | |
| <p>(57) Abstract</p> <p>In a pre-filled Foley catheter for urine drainage, the conventional clip for releasing sterile water from a bulb (21) at the proximal end of the catheter, to fill the anchor bulb (20) at the distal end of the device, is replaced by a plug (25) which has an annular portion connected to a thin stem (27) by a circle of weakness. Snapping the stem (27) from the annulus provides a tactile signal through the opaque latex lumen that the catheter has been actuated. There is no separate clip to be disposed of. The interface between the latex and the plug remains undisturbed. Further improvement in the shelf-life and convenience of use of the catheter is delivered by the use of a sleeve, which can be of shrink-wrap material, around the bulb (21) and optionally also around the drain coupling (15) of the catheter. Apparatus for placing the plug and the sleeve is also described.</p> <div data-bbox="1161 1211 1433 2078" style="float: right;"> </div> | | |

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1. Claims: 1-36, 39-43

1.1 Claims: 1,2-8,12-35,36,40-43

A medical device with proximal and distal ends, a fluid supply element at the proximal end, and a flow control device, the flow control device comprising a plug having a parting line enabling the plug to be separated into two separate parts for fluid communication.

1.2 Claims: 9,10-35,39,41-43

A medical device comprising a drainage lumen with a drain coupling at the proximal end, and an inflation fluid lumen with a fluid supply element at the proximal end, the drain coupling and fluid supply element being arranged side by side and covered by one sleeve element.

2.Claims: 37,38

Method and apparatus for positioning a plug having a stem portion within a lumen.

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