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[54] **PROSTHESIS FOR KNEE REPLACEMENT**

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[57] ABSTRACT

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The prosthesis comprises a femoral component (2) having at least one substantially spheroidal condylar bearing surface (10,11), a tibial component (6) including a tibial platform (20), and a plastics meniscal component (7) located between the condylar bearing surface (10,11) and the tibial component (6) and being slidable on the platform (20). The meniscal component (7) is retained on a guide (23) upstanding from the platform (20). The guide (23) includes a post (24) and a cap (25) which is a snap-fit in a recess (30) in the meniscal component (7). The guide (23) is slidable in a track (32) within the meniscal component (7) so that movement of the meniscal component (7) in the anterior/posterior direction (A-P) is limited by impingement of the meniscal component (7) on the post (24) and/or on a rail member (21) projecting from the surface of the tibial platform (20). To install the prosthesis, a femur (1) is resected to provide a base for receiving the femoral component (2), which is retained in the resected femur by pins (3). The tibia (4) is resected to provide a flat base into which the tibial component (6) is fixed by a stem (5).

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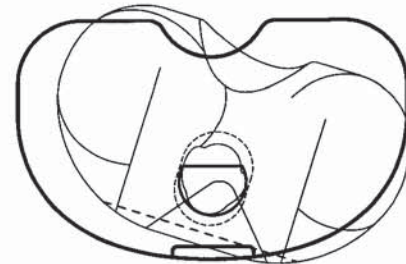
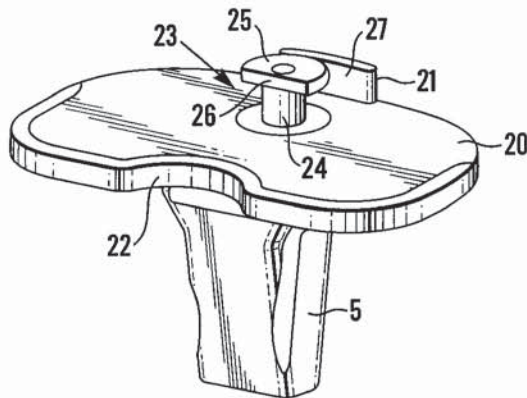
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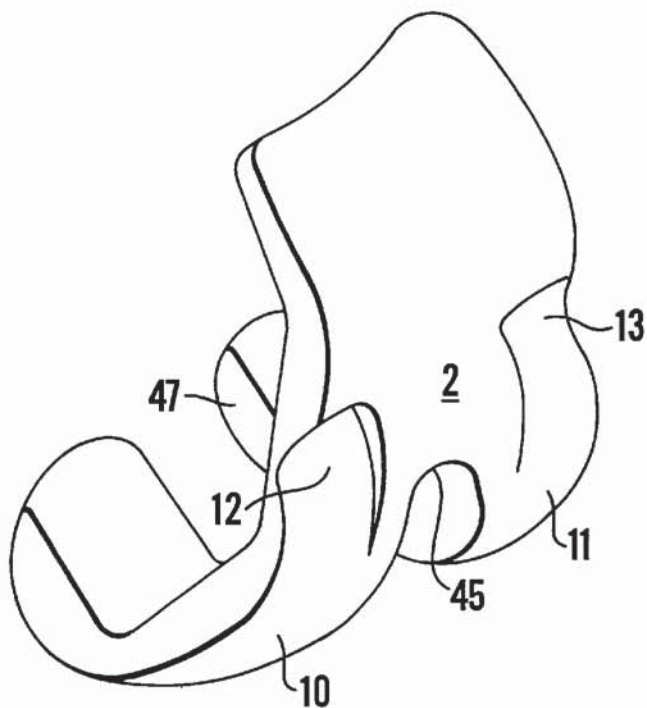


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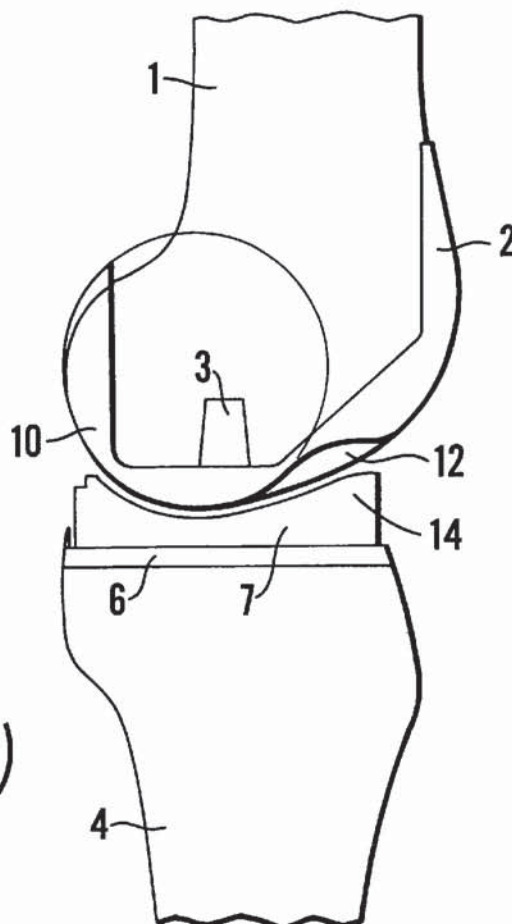


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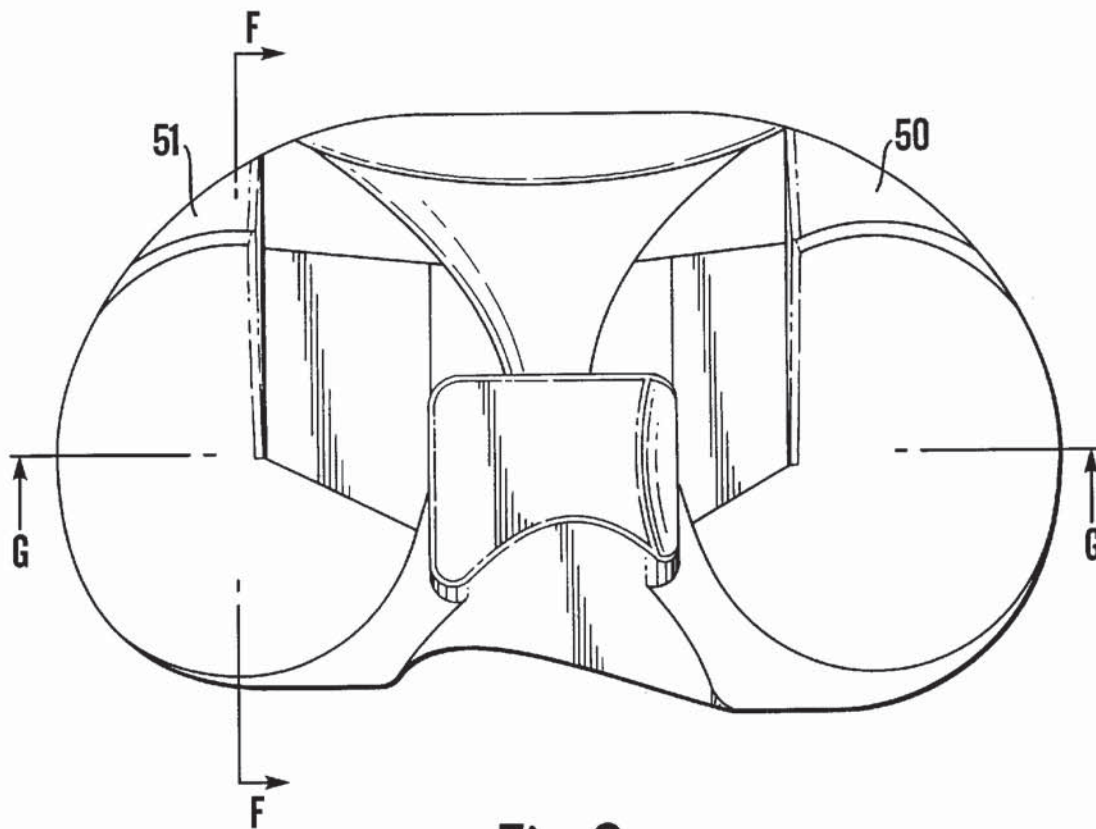


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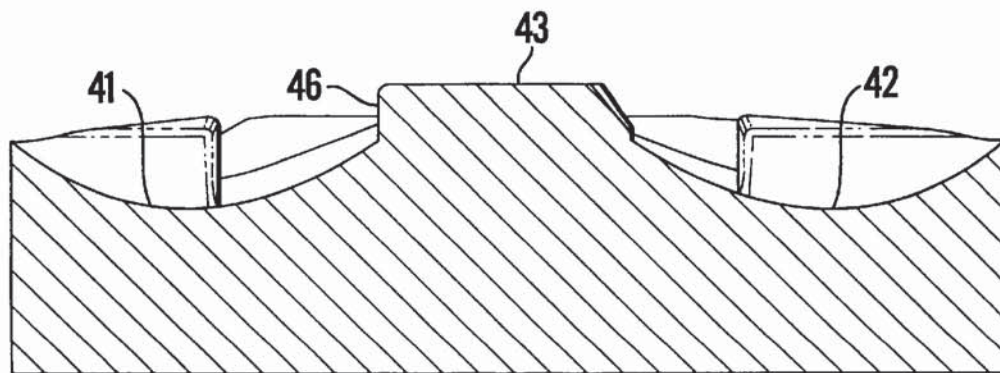


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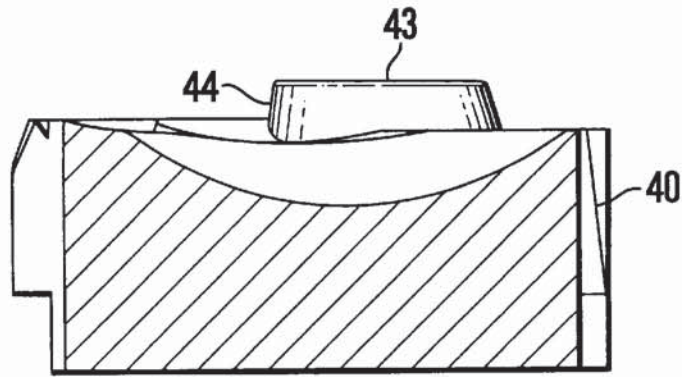


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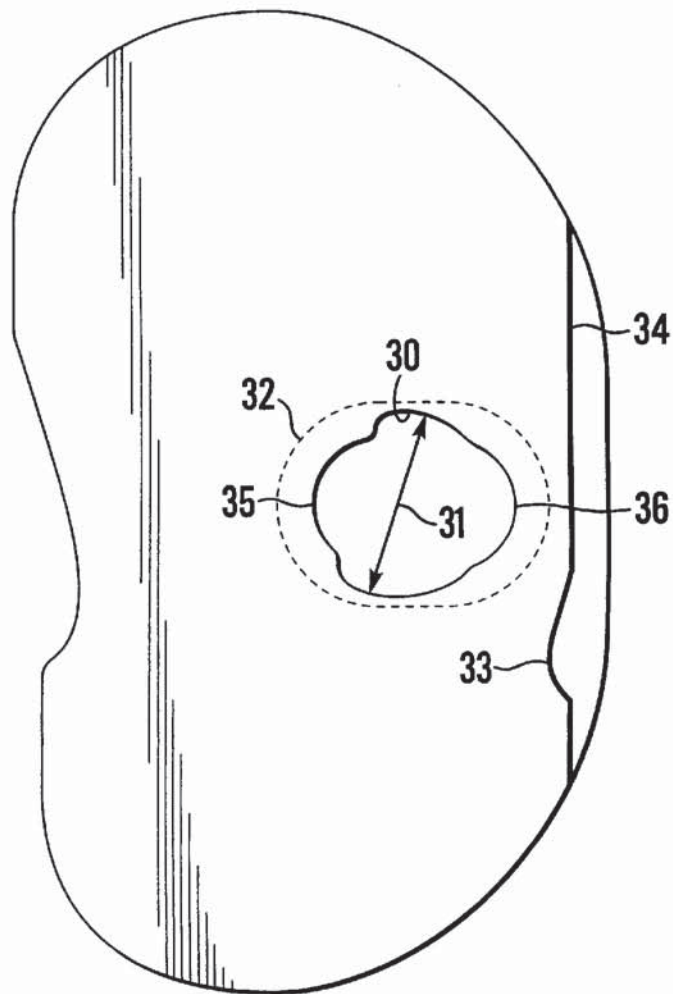
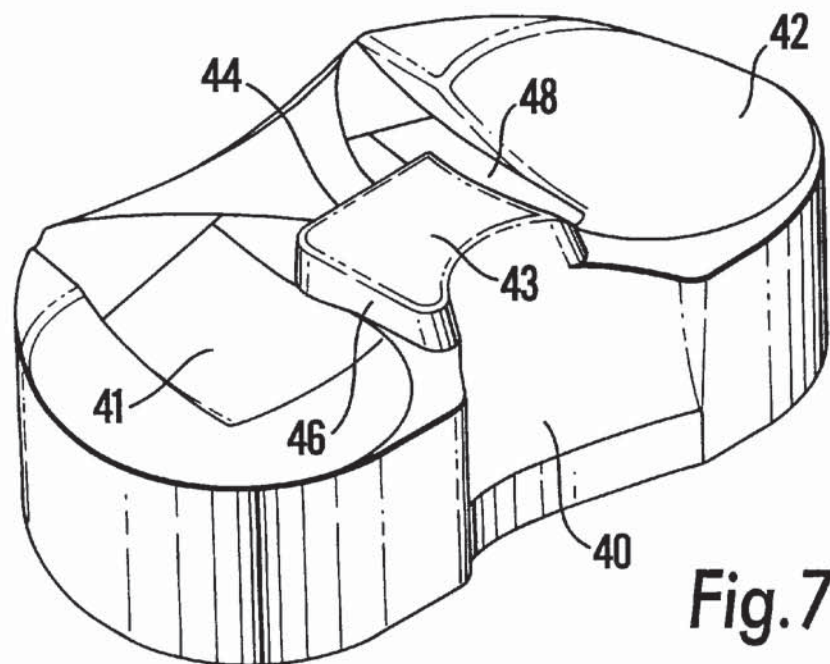
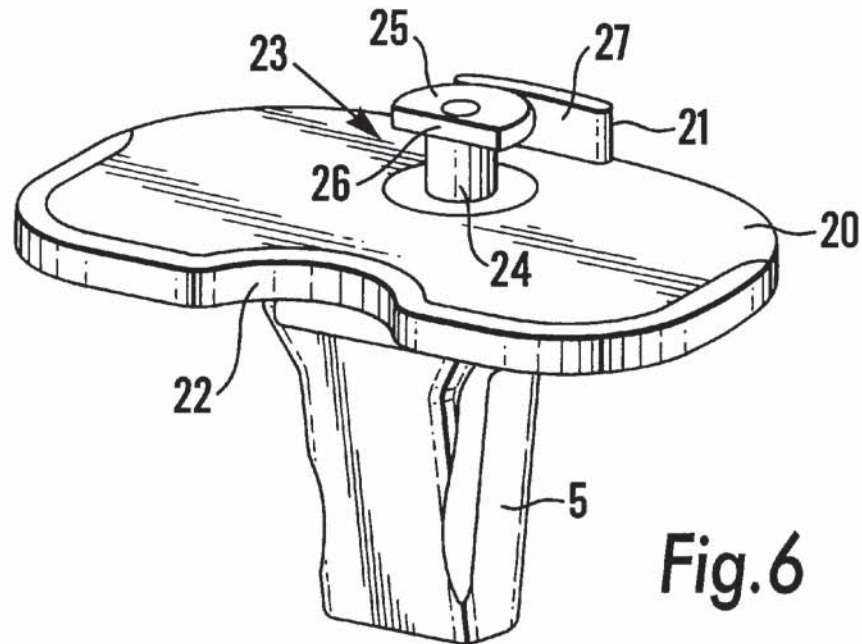


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