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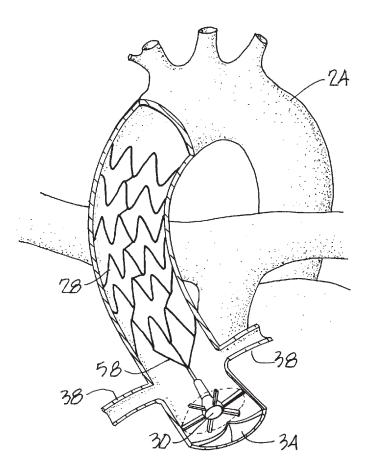
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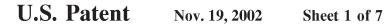
An aortic heart valve which is adapted to be placed percutaneously without the need for open-heart surgery is placed by a catheter and held in place with a stent system. The stent system is expanded in the ascending aorta to anchor the valve in the aortic channel above the native aortic valve.

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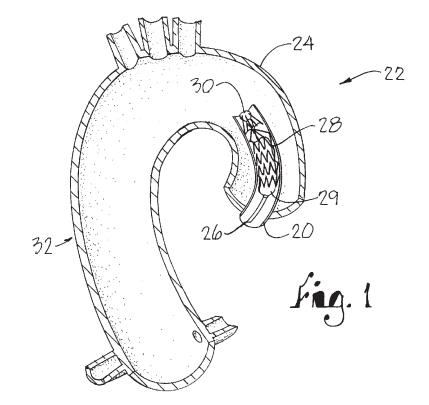


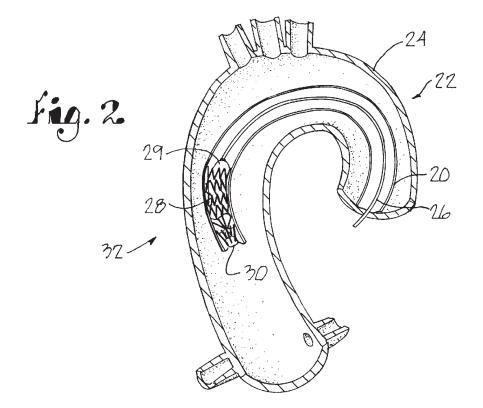
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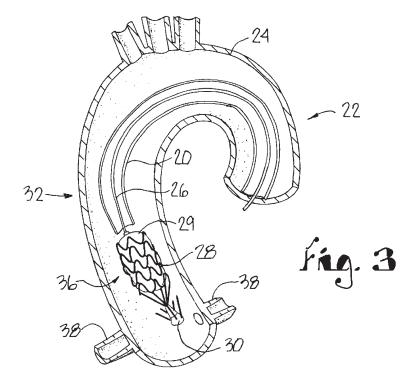


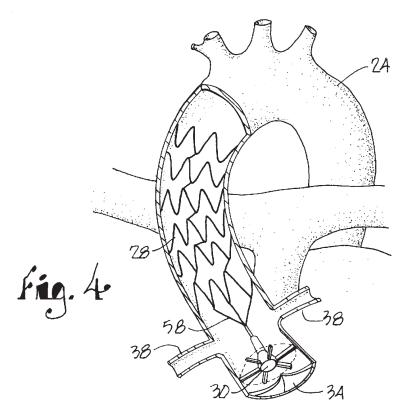
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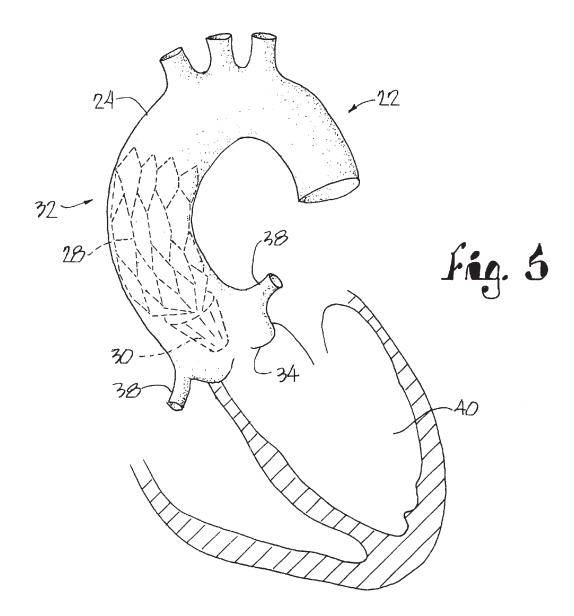
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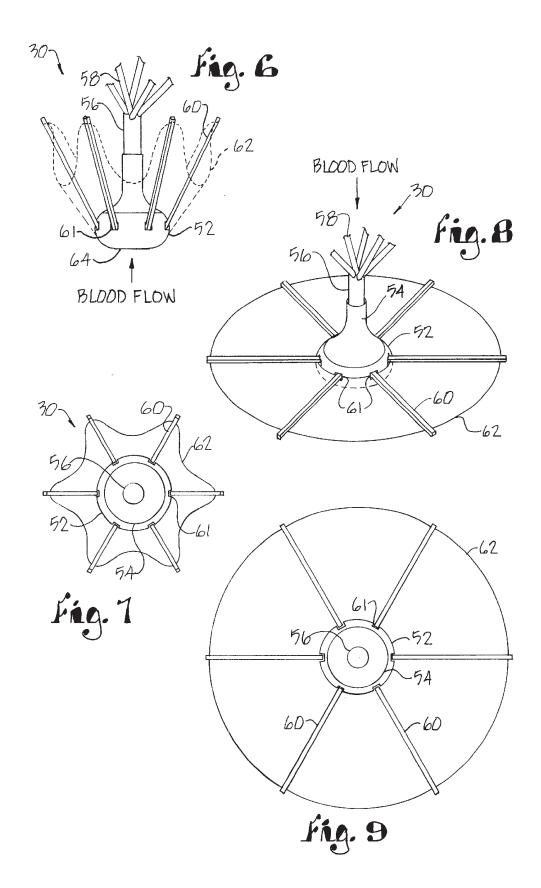


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