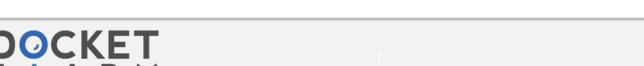
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[ABSTRACT]

[Subject] An object of the present invention is to provide a catheter excellent in push-in property, capable of easily and rapidly penetrating a stenotic lesion, and capable of being exchanged with a balloon catheter easily and rapidly.

[Means for Solution] A catheter 1 is a catheter for penetrating a stenotic lesion occurred in a lumen in a human body, including: a linear wire 2, a tubular body 3 placed on a distal end side of the wire 2 and allowing a guide wire to be inserted through its hollow portion 31, and an operation portion placed on a proximal end side of the wire 2. The wire 2 preferably has a metal wire 21 and a covering layer 22 composed of a resin material covering an outside of the metal wire 21. The tubular body 3 preferably includes a plurality of markers 35 each having a visualization property arranged in a longitudinal direction.

[Selected Drawing] FIG. 2



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