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| [54]                 | MEDICATION DELIVERY PEN HAVING AN IMPROVED CLUTCH ASSEMBLY  |  |  |
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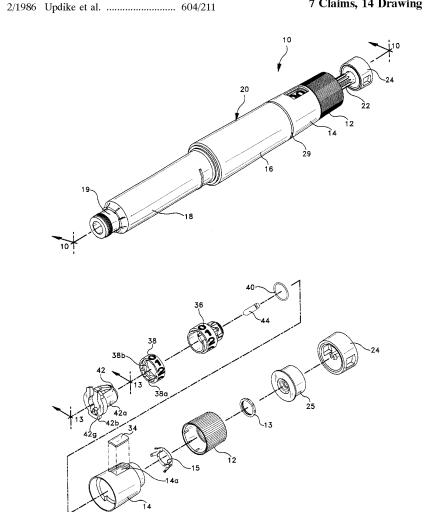
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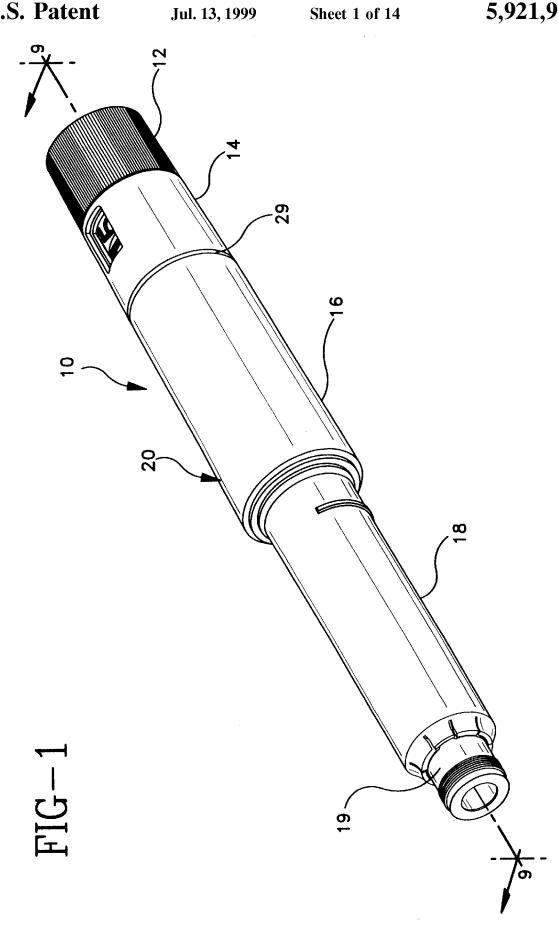
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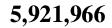
An improved medication delivery pen is provided for injecting fluids such as insulin within body tissue. The medication delivery pen includes a mechanism that prevents the removal of a cartridge unless an injector button on the medication pen is in a predefined position, a bayonet attachment and an improved clutch assembly in a dose setting mechanism that provides improved control over the torque necessary to rotate a units counter ring in the medication delivery pen using a dose setting knob.

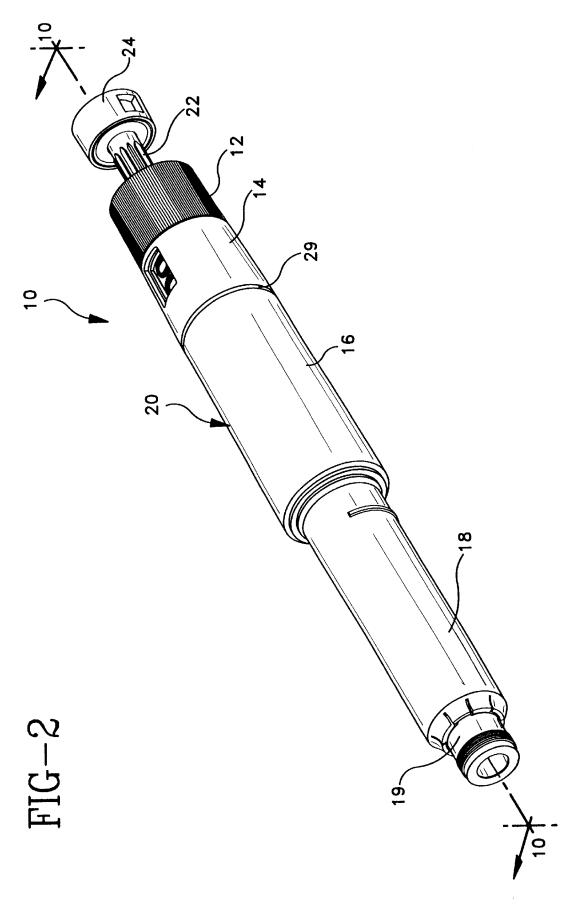
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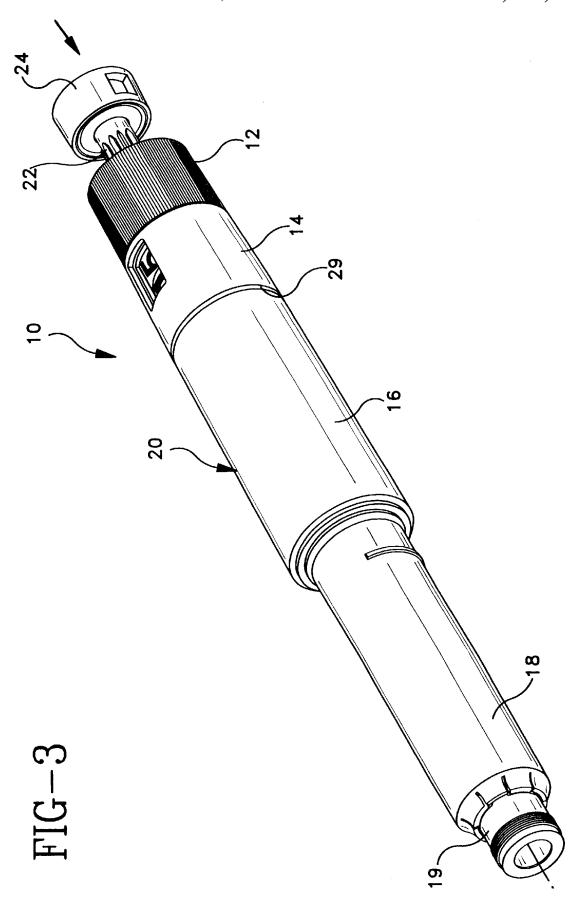




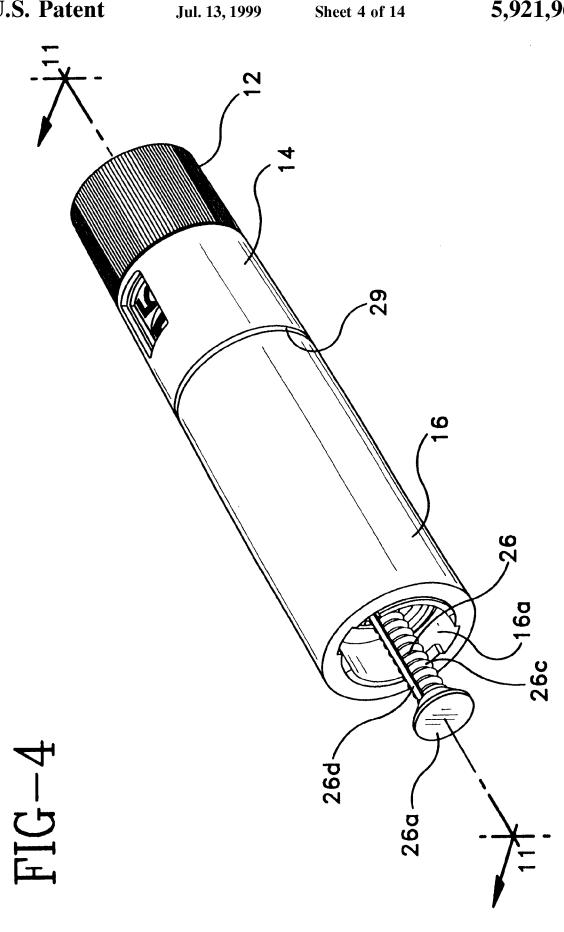














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