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Title: EXTERNALLY RELEASABLE BODY PORTAL ANCHORS AND SYSTEMS

Abstract: Embodiments of the present application include anchor assemblies and methods for using the same to immobilize a device within a body portal. In one embodiment, the anchor assembly (1201) is utilized to immobilize a catheter (108) relative to a covered (e.g., skin-covered) burr hole formed in a skull. Anchor assemblies may include anchors located subdermally that may be unlocked from outside the body to release the device without a surgical procedure.
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