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## Medical ultrasound instrument with articulated jaws CA2776755

Patent Assignee     COVIDIEN TYCO HEALTHCARE	•	Publication Information CA2776755 A1 2012-11-16 [CA2776755]
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#### Abstract:

(US8444664)

A forceps includes a housing, a shaft assembly, an end effector assembly, and a waveguide assembly. The housing has one or more transducers that generate a mechanical vibration in response to energy transmitted thereto from an energy source. The shaft assembly extends from the housing and includes one or more articulating and clamping members and a longitudinal axis defined therethrough. The end effector assembly is disposed at a distal end of the shaft assembly and includes a pair of opposing jaw members pivotable between approximated and unapproximated configurations in response to movement of the one or more clamping members. The articulating members articulate the jaw members relative to the longitudinal axis of the shaft assembly. The waveguide assembly is positioned within the shaft assembly and receives the mechanical vibration generated by the transducer. The waveguide assembly is positionable within one or both of the jaw members.



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## Ultrasonic medical instrument with a curved waveguide US20130197511

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• Fampat family US2013197511 A1 2013-08-01 US9351753 B2 2016-05-31	[US20130197511] [US9351753]

#### • Abstract:

#### (US9351753)

A forceps includes a housing, a curved waveguide, one or more movable members, and an end effector assembly. The housing includes one or more transducers configured to generate a mechanical vibration in response to energy transmitted thereto from an energy source. The curved waveguide extends from the housing and is configured to receive the mechanical vibration generated by the one or more transducers. The one or more movable members are positioned along the curved waveguide. The one or more movable members are configured to translate mechanical movement from the housing to the end effector assembly. The end effector assembly is disposed at a distal end of the curved waveguide and includes a movable jaw member pivotable between approximated and unapproximated positions relative to a distal end of the curved waveguide in response to movement of the one or more movable members.



# Optical energy-based methods and apparatus for tissue sealing US20120296324

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•	International Patent Classification A61B-017/29 A61B-017/295 A61B-018/00 A61B-018/14 A61B- 018/20 A61B-018/22		
•	US Patent Classification PCLO=001001000 PCLO=606015000		
•	<b>CPC Code</b> A61B-017/295; A61B-017/29; A61B-018/14/42; A61B-018/20; A61B-2018/0063; A61B-2018/00702; A61B-2018/0072; A61B- 2018/0075 A61B-2018/0075; A61B-2018/00791; A61B- 2018/00875; A61B-2018/2065; A61B-2018/2266; A61B- 2018/2272; A61B-2018/2294 A61B-2018/2294;		
•	Fampat familyUS2012296324A12012-11-22US9113933B22015-08-25US2015327931A12015-11-19		[US20120296324] [US9113933] [US20150327931]

#### Abstract:

#### (US9113933)

Optical energy-based methods and apparatus for sealing vascular tissue involves deforming vascular tissue to bring different layers of the vascular tissue into contact each other and illuminating the vascular tissue with a light beam having at least one portion of its spectrum overlapping with the absorption spectrum of the vascular tissue. The apparatus may include two deforming members configured to deform the vascular tissue placed between the deforming members. The apparatus may also include an optical system that has a light source configured to generate light, a light distribution element configured to distribute the light across the vascular tissue, and a light guide configured to guide the light from the light source to the light distribution element. The apparatus may further include a cutting member configured to cut the vascular tissue and to illuminate the vascular tissue with light to seal at least one cut surface of the vascular tissue.



### Method and apparatus for vascular tissue sealing with active cooling of jaws at the end of the sealing cycle US20120123413

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•	Inventor CHERNOV BORIS MISUCHENKO IGORIS MARTSINOVSKIY GEORGY VERBITSKY MIKHAIL	•	<u>Priority Details</u> 2010US-12948144 2010-11-17
•	International Patent Classification A61B-018/02		
•	US Patent Classification PCLO=606051000 PCLX=606052000		
•	CPC Code A61B-018/14/45; A61B-2018/00011; A61B-2018/0063; A61B- 2018/00791		
	Fampat family           US2012123413         A1         2012-05-17           US8685021         B2         2014-04-01		[US20120123413] [US8685021]

#### • Abstract:

#### (US8685021)

An end effector assembly for use with an electrosurgical instrument is provided. The end effector assembly has a first jaw member and a second jaw member. The second jaw member includes a channel defined therein and coupled to a cooling agent source and at least one venting port defined therein and fluidly coupled to the channel. During active cooling of the second jaw member, the cooling agent source is configured to supply a cooling agent to the channel. 303 320 313 314 315 312 303 303 320 311 304 304

### Method and apparatus for vascular tissue sealing with reduced energy consumption CA2758426

•	Patent Assignee COVIDIEN TYCO HEALTHCARE	•	Publication Information CA2758426 A1 2012-05-17 [CA2758426]
•	Inventor CHERNOV BORIS MISUCHENKO IGORIS MARTSINOVSKIY GEORGY VERBITSKY MIKHAIL	•	Priority Details 2010US-12948081 2010-11-17 2014US-14578884 2014-12-22
•	International Patent Classification A61B-017/00 A61B-017/28 A61B-017/29 A61B-017/295 A61B- 018/00 A61B-018/12 A61B-018/14 A61B-018/20		
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	Fampat family           CA2758426         A1         2012-05-17           US2012123402         A1         2012-05-17           EP2455033         A1         2012-05-23           AU2011250824         A1         2012-05-31           JP2012105987         A         2012-06-07           AU2011250824         B2         2014-06-12           US8932293         B2         2015-01-13           US2015112330         A1         2015-04-23           EP2455033         B1         2015-08-19           JP5844623         B2         2016-01-20		[CA2758426] [US20120123402] [EP2455033] [AU2011250824] [JP2012105987] [AU2011250824] [US8932293] [US20150112330] [EP2455033] [JP5844623]

#### Abstract:

#### (US8932293)

An end effector assembly for use with an electrosurgical instrument is provided. The end effector assembly includes a pair of opposing jaw members configured to grasp tissue therebetween. Each of the opposing jaw members includes a non conducting tissue contact surface and an energy delivering element configured to perforate the tissue to create an opening, extract elastin and collagen from the tissue and denaturize the elastin and the collagen in the vicinity of the opening.



## Thread-like knife for tissue cutting US20120296332

Patent Assignee     COVIDIEN	•	Publication Information US2012296332 A1 2012-11-22 [US20120296332]
Inventor CHERNOV BORIS MISUCHENKO IGORIS MARTSINOVSKIY GEORGY VERBITSKY MIKHAIL	•	Priority Details 2011US-13108441 2011-05-16 2014US-14183217 2014-02-18
<ul> <li>International Patent Classification A61B-017/32 A61B-018/14 A61B-018/20</li> </ul>		
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• Fampat family US2012296332 A1 2012-11-22 US8685009 B2 2014-04-01 US2014163553 A1 2014-06-12		[US20120296332] [US8685009] [US20140163553]

#### Abstract:

#### (US8685009)

An end effector assembly for use with an electrosurgical instrument is provided. The end effector assembly includes a pair of opposing jaw members configured to grasp tissue therebetween. The assembly also includes a thread-like member having a first end coupled to at least one jaw member and a drive member coupled to a second end of the thread-like member. The drive member is configured to position the threadlike member between a first position and a second position, wherein the thread-like member cuts tissue when positioned in the second position.



## Optical energy-based methods and apparatus for tissue sealing

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	Patent Assignee COVIDIEN	•	Publication Information US2012296317 A1 2012-11-22 [US20120296317]
	Inventor CHERNOV BORIS MISUCHENKO IGORIS MARTSINOVSKIY GEORGY VERBITSKY MIKHAIL	•	Priority Details 2011US-13108093 2011-05-16
	International Patent Classification A61B-017/00 A61B-017/28 A61B-017/285 A61B-018/00 A61B- 018/14 A61B-018/20 A61B-018/22 A61N-005/06		
•	US Patent Classification PCLO=001001000		
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	Fampat family           US2012296317         A1         2012-11-22           US9113934         B2         2015-08-25	_	[US20120296317] [US9113934]

#### Abstract:

#### (US9113934)

Optical energy-based methods and apparatus for sealing vascular tissue involves deforming vascular tissue to bring different layers of the vascular tissue into contact each other and illuminating the vascular tissue with a light beam having at least one portion of its spectrum overlapping with the absorption spectrum of the vascular tissue. The apparatus may include two deforming members configured to deform the vascular tissue placed between the deforming members. The apparatus may also include an optical system that has a light source configured to generate light, a light distribution element configured to distribute the light across the vascular tissue, and a light guide configured to guide the light from the light source to the light distribution element. The apparatus may further include a cutting member configured to cut the vascular tissue and to illuminate the vascular tissue with light to seal at least one cut surface of the vascular tissue.



# Electrosurgical system with jaws and with means for imparting mechanical perturbations to a jaw

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•	US Patent Classification PCLO=001001000		
•	<b>CPC Code</b> A61B-017/32/0092; A61B-018/14/45; A61B-2018/00196; A61B-2018/0019; A61B-2018/00589; A61B-2018/00595; A61B-2018/00607; A61B-2018/0063; A61B-2018/00994; A61B-2018/1412; A61B-2018/1455		
•	Fampat familyEP2524663A12012-11-21US2012296239A12012-11-22JP2012239899A2012-12-10US9265568B22016-02-23		[EP2524663] [US20120296239] [JP2012239899] [US9265568]

#### Abstract:

(EP2524663)

An end effector assembly (300) for use with an electrosurgical instrument is provided. The end effector assembly includes a pair of opposing jaw members (310, 320) configured to grasp tissue (301) therebetween, at least one jaw member adapted to connect to a source of electrosurgical energy (500) to seal tissue disposed between jaw members during a sealing "A" process. At least one of the jaw members includes an activator (305) configured to selectively impart mechanical perturbations to the at least one jaw member during the sealing process.



## Stand alone energy-based tissue clips WO201309623

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•	International Patent Classification A61B-005/05 A61B-017/00 A61B-017/122 A61B-017/32 A61B- 018/00 A61B-018/12 A61B-018/14 A61B-018/20 A61B-018/22 A61B-019/00		
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•	Fampat familyWO2013009623A22013-01-17US2013018364A12013-01-17WO2013009623A32013-07-11EP2731530A22014-05-21EP2731530A42015-07-08	-	[WO201309623] [US20130018364] [WO201309623] [EP2731530] [EP2731530]

#### • Abstract:

(EP2731530)

The present disclosure is directed to a tissue clip for use in electrosurgical procedures. The tissue clip includes an arm having a first electrode formed thereon. The tissue clip also includes a body pivotally coupled to the arm. The body includes a power source and a second electrode. The arm is moveable from a first position relative to the body for approximating tissue and a second position closer to the body for grasping tissue therebetween (From US2013018364 A1)



## Methods of measuring conditions of an ultrasonic instrument US20130121366

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• Fampat family US2013121366 A1 2013-05-16 US8662745 B2 2014-03-04	[US20130121366] [US8662745]

#### Abstract:

#### (US8662745)

A method of measuring conditions of an ultrasonic instrument includes providing an ultrasonic instrument that includes an end effector and a waveguide operably coupled to a generator and the end effector. The method involves generating one or more pulses with the generator, transmitting the one or more pulses to one or both of the waveguide and the end effector, generating one or more waves that scatter in an interferential pattern in response to the transmission of the one or more pulses, registering a signal indicative of the interferential pattern, generating an actual interferential pattern based upon the signal, and identifying one or more conditions of the end effector based upon the actual interferential pattern.



## Optical Energy-Based Methods and Apparatus for Tissue Sealing US20120296323

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	• Fampat family US2012296323 A1 2012-11-22		[US20120296323]

#### Abstract:

#### (US20120296323)

Optical energy-based methods and apparatus for sealing vascular tissue involves deforming vascular tissue to bring different layers of the vascular tissue into contact each other and illuminating the vascular tissue with a light beam having at least one portion of its spectrum overlapping with the absorption spectrum of the vascular tissue. The apparatus may include two deforming members configured to deform the vascular tissue placed between the deforming members. The apparatus may also include an optical system that has a light source configured to generate light, a light distribution element configured to distribute the light across the vascular tissue, and a light guide configured to guide the light from the light source to the light distribution element. The apparatus may further include a cutting member configured to cut the vascular tissue and to illuminate the vascular tissue with light to seal at least one cut surface of the vascular tissue.



## System for energy-based sealing of tissue with optical feedback WO2012158777

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<u>US Patent Classification</u> PCLO=601002000 PCLX=606012000 PCLX=606033000	
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• Fampat family WO2012158777 A1 2012-11-22 US2012296238 A1 2012-11-22 EP2709549 A1 2014-03-26 EP2709549 B1 2016-01-20	[WO2012158777] [US20120296238] [EP2709549] [EP2709549]

#### Abstract:

#### (WO2012158777)

An energy-based tissue-sealing system and method provide higher sealing quality by measuring and using optical feedback parameters that are directly correlated to structural changes of tissue. The tissue-sealing system includes a sealing energy source, an instrument having a mechanism for grasping and deforming the tissue and for delivering sealing energy to the tissue, a light source, optical sensors, and a controller for controlling parameters of the sealing energy generated by the sealing energy source based upon the optical parameters of the tissue structure sensed by the optical sensors. At the beginning of a sealing procedure, the controller may monitor an initial optical parameter of the tissue and select a target trajectory of tissue optical parameters based on the initial optical parameter. During the sealing procedure, the controller monitors at least one optical parameter of the tissue structure and controls at least one parameter of the sealing energy based on the at least one optical parameter.

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### Optical recognition of tissue and vessels WO2012158774

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• Fampat family WO2012158774 A1 2012-11-22 US2012296205 A1 2012-11-22 EP2709548 A1 2014-03-26	[WO2012158774] [US20120296205] [EP2709548]

#### Abstract:

#### (EP2709548)

Methods and apparatus for optically recognizing tissue parameters during an energy-based tissue-sealing procedure involve grasping tissue with a tissue-sealing instrument, illuminating the grasped tissue or tissue adjacent to the grasped tissue with light, analyzing the light that is transmitted, scattered, or reflected by the tissue, and recognizing the tissue based on the result of analyzing the light. The wavelength of the light may be selected so that a vessel is sufficiently recognizable in tissue containing the vessel. A marker may also be introduced into fluid flowing in the vessel to increase the contrast between the vessel and tissue containing the vessel. Analyzing the light includes analyzing the spatial and spectral distribution of light. Analyzing the light may also include forming the light into an image of the illuminated tissue. The image of the illuminated tissue may be projected onto the eyes of a surgeon or sensed by a matrix of light detectors disposed on a jaw member of the tissue-sealing instrument and transmitted to a display. (From US2012296205 A1)



## Systems and methods for identifying tissue and vessels CA2770228

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A surgical system and corresponding methods for identifying tissue or vessels and assessing their conditions includes a probing signal source for applying a probing signal to the tissue and a response signal monitor for monitoring a response signal that varies according to the level of blood circulation in the tissue or vessels. The response signal monitor monitors the response signal over an interval equal to or longer than an interval between two successive cardiac contractions. The surgical system includes a microprocessor that analyzes the amplitude and/or phase of the response signal to determine the level of blood circulation in the tissue or in different portions of the tissue, and determines a tissue parameter based upon the level of blood circulation. The surgical system may monitor a cardiac signal related to cardiac contractions and correlate the response signal and the cardiac signal to determine a level of blood circulation in the tissue.



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An energy-based instrument for sealing vascular tissue, comprising: a first deforming member and a second deforming member configured to move relative to one another about a pivot from a first position wherein the first deforming member and second deforming member are disposed in spaced relation relative to one another to a second position wherein the first deforming member and the second deforming member cooperate to deform the vascular tissue; and an optical system configured to illuminate a portion of the vascular tissue with light to seal the vascular tissue, the optical system comprising: a light source configured to generate light; a light distribution element configured to distribute the light over the portion of the vascular tissue; and a light guide configured to guide the light from the light source to the light distribution element, wherein at least one of the first deforming member and the second deforming member includes optical reflective material that is configured to reflect light that has passed through the vascular tissue so that the light passes through the vascular tissue a second time.

