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<p>(54) Title: WOVEN SURGICAL DRAIN AND WOVEN SURGICAL SPONGE</p>		
<p>(57) Abstract</p> <p>The present invention relates to a surgical drain fabric and surgical drain device and surgical sponge for providing a channel of exit or discharge (5) from a wound or wound cavity and, more specifically, a woven surgical drain fabric, woven surgical drains, and woven surgical sponges having finished longitudinal edges useful for drawing wound drainage out of a patient's body. Preferably, the surgical drain fabric, surgical drains, and surgical sponges are woven with conductive yarns and nonconductive yarns (1 and 2) so as to provide enhanced drainage characteristics. The fabric, drains, and sponges prepared in accordance with the invention minimize the danger of sluffing and linting and other disadvantages associated with previous surgical drain and sponge materials.</p>		

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BOX II. OBSERVATIONS WHERE UNITY OF INVENTION WAS LACKING

This ISA found multiple inventions as follows:

Group I, claims 1-17, drawn to a woven surgical drain, classified in class 604, subclass 355.

Group II, claims 18-32, drawn to a woven surgical sponge, classified in class 128, subclass 798.

Group III, claims 33, 35 and 38, drawn to a method of making a surgical drain, classified in class 428, subclass 36.1.

Group IV, claims 34, 38, drawn to a method of making a surgical drain, classified in class 428, subclass 36.9.

Group V, claim 36, drawn to a method of draining a wound, classified in class 128, subclass 898.

Group VI, claim 37, drawn to a method of absorbing surgical discharge, classified in class 128, subclass 898.