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(54) **Ultrasonic endoscope, catheter with balloon, magnet indwelling device, and magnet set**

(57) An ultrasonic endoscope (12) includes an elongated insertion section (22) and an operation section (24). The elongated insertion section (22) has a distal end and a proximal end. The operation section (24) is provided at the proximal end of the insertion section. The insertion section includes a distal end hard portion (32)

having a distal end surface at the distal end, the distal end surface of the distal end hard portion including an ultrasonic transducer (42), a forceps channel opening portion (38a) and an object lens (44) on a straight line.

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1. claims: 1-3

An ultrasonic endoscope including an ultrasonic transducer,
a forceps channel opening portion and an objective lens on a
straight line

2. claims: 4-8

A catheter comprising first and second balloons and first
and second fluid ducts

3. claims: 9-13

A magnet indwelling device comprising a magnet a puncture
needle and a stylet

4. claims: 14-22

A magnet assembly comprising a cord like member, a plurality
of magnets and a stopper

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摘要(译)

超声波内窥镜 (12) 包括细长的插入部分 (22) 和操作部分 (24) 。细长插入部分 (22) 具有远端和近端。操作部分 (24) 设置在插入部分的近端。插入部分包括远端硬质部分 (32) ，远端硬质部分 (32) 在远端具有远端表面，远端硬质部分的远端表面包括超声换能器 (42) ，钳子通道开口部分 (38a) 和物镜 (44) 在直线上。

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