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- (54) CATHETER WITH STAGGERED SLITS
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(57) **CLAIM** I claim the ornamental design for a catheter with staggered slits, as shown and described.

### DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is an elevation view of a catheter with staggered slits showing my new design, in which the lighter lines in the region that is designated "FIG. 6" indicate a slit that is on the underside of the catheter; FIG. 2 is an elevation view of the catheter showing additional detail in the region of FIG. 1 that is designated "FIG. 2"; FIG. 3 is a cross-sectional view of the catheter taken along line **3-3** in FIG. **2**; FIG. 4 is an elevation view of the catheter showing additional detail in the region of FIG. 1 that is designated "FIG. 4"; FIG. 5 is a cross-sectional view of the catheter taken along line **5-5** in FIG. **4**; FIG. 6 is an elevation view of the catheter showing additional detail in the region of FIG. 1 that is designated "FIG. 6"; FIG. 7 is a cross-sectional view of the catheter taken along line 7-7 in FIG. 6; FIG. 8 is an elevation view of the catheter showing additional detail in the region of FIG. 1 that is designated "FIG. 8," and in which the lighter lines indicate slits that are on the underside of the catheter; FIG. 9 is a cross-sectional view of the catheter taken along line 9-9 in FIG. 8; FIG. 10 is an elevation view of the catheter showing additional detail in the region of FIG. 1 that is designated "FIG. 10," and in which the lighter lines indicate slits that are on the

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FIG. **11** is a cross-sectional view of the catheter taken along line **11-11** in FIG. **10**.

The interior edges of the slits and interior surface of the tube are not shown in the drawings for clarity of illustration. The dash-dot lines in FIG. 1 show the boundaries of the claimed design within the interior of the catheter, and form no part of the claimed design.

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FIG. 3

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FIG. 5

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FIG. 9

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