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ABSTRACT:

A method for aligning a stent with a stent support includes the steps of (1) placing a stent support and a stent mounted on the stent support in a vertically position with the stent support's first support element at a lower position and the stent support's second support element at an upper position; (2) obtaining a digital image of the stent support and stent; (3) analyzing the digital image of the stent support and stent to compute the vertical position of the stent's upper end; (4) computing a desired position of the second support element based on the position of the stent's upper end; and (5) using a positioning device to move the second support element to the desired position. The movement of the second support element causes the conical sections of the first and second support elements to engage the respective ends of the stent to center the stent around a core element of the stent support and to secure the

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stent in a longitudinal direction of the stent support.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

This invention relates to a method and device for aligning a stent with a stent support.

BACKGROUND

In the last several years, minimally invasive surgical procedures, such as percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty (PTCA), have become increasingly common. A PTCA procedure involves the insertion of a catheter into a coronary artery to position an angioplasty balloon at the site of a stenotic lesion that is at least partially blocking the coronary artery. The balloon is then inflated to compress the stenosis and to widen the lumen in order to allow an efficient flow of blood through the coronary artery.

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Currently there are no efficient and reliable methods to ensure a proper alignment of a stent with a stent support.

SUMMARY

The method and device of the present invention can reliably, efficiently and precisely mount a stent on a stent support with a proper alignment of the axes of the stent and stent support.

According to one aspect of the invention, a method for aligning a stent with a stent support includes the steps of (1) placing a stent support and a stent mounted thereon in a vertical position with the stent support's first support element at a lower position and the stent support's second support element at an upper position, (2) obtaining a digital image of the stent support and stent, (3) analyzing the digital image of the stent support and stent to compute the vertical position of the stent's upper end, (4) computing a desired position of the second support element based on the position of the stent's upper end, and (5) using a positioning device to move the second support element to the desired position. The movement of the second support element causes the conical sections of the first and second support elements to engage the respective ends of the stent to center the stent around a core element of the stent support and to secure the stent in a longitudinal direction of the stent support.

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According to another aspect of the invention, a device for aligning a stent with a stent support includes a stent support receptacle for receiving a first support element of a stent support to position the stent support in a vertical position, a digital imaging device for imaging a stent mounted on the stent support, a computer, and a positioning device for moving a second support element of the stent support to the desired position. The computer can be used to compute the position of an upper end of the stent from a digital image of the stent support and stent and to compute a desired position of the second support element of the stent support based on the position of the stent's upper end. The computer can also be used to compute stent runout, stent type and stent orientation. In a preferred embodiment, the device for aligning a stent with a stent support further includes a core element support for supporting a free end of a core element of the stent support so that the core element and the first support element are substantially coaxial.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of an exemplary device of the present invention for mounting a stent on a stent support in a way that reduces stent runout.

FIG. 2 is a perspective view of a cylindrically-shaped stent.

FIG. 3 is a schematic diagram for a spray coating apparatus.

FIG. 4 is a perspective view of a stent support.

FIGS. 5A and 5B are perspective views showing the conical portions of the first and second support elements of a stent support supporting the ends of a stent.

FIG. 6 is a perspective view of a stent mounted on the core element of a stent support without the second support element of the stent support.

FIG. 7 is a perspective view of a stent mounted on the core element of a stent support with the second support element of the stent support.

FIG. 8 is a perspective view of a stent and a stent support mounted vertically in a stent support receptacle.

FIG. 9 is a perspective view of the free end of a core element being supported by a first core element support.

FIG. 10 is a cross-sectional view of the first core element support.

FIG. 11 is a perspective view of a second core element support.

FIG. 12 is a perspective view of a positioning device.

FIG. 13 is a schematic diagram showing a feedback control loop for controlling the position of the second support element of the stent support.

FIG. 14 is a view of a stent mounted on a stent support with stent runoff.

FIGS. 15 and 16 are perspective views of crowns at a stent end.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

One aspect of the present invention relates to a device for precisely and efficiently mounting a stent on a stent support in a way that reliably reduces stent runoff. FIG. 1 illustrates an exemplary device 10 of the present invention. The device 10 includes a stent support receptacle 12 for receiving a stent support 16 to position the stent support 16 in a vertical position; a digital imaging device 20, such as a digital camera; a computer 14 (FIG. 13); and a positioning device 18. The device 10 may include additional components, as shown in FIG. 1, which will be described hereinafter.

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While particular embodiments of the present invention have been shown and described, it will be obvious to those skilled in the art that changes and modifications can be made without departing from this invention in its broader aspects. Therefore, the appended claims are to encompass within their scope all such changes and modifications as fall within the true spirit and scope of this invention.

What is claimed is:

1. A method for aligning a stent with a stent support, comprising: placing a stent support and a stent mounted on the stent support in a vertical position with the stent support's first support element at a lower position and the stent support's second support element at an upper position, wherein the lower end of the stent faces a conical portion of the first support element and the upper end of the stent faces a conical portion of the second support element; obtaining a digital image of the stent support and stent; analyzing the digital image of the stent support and stent to compute the vertical position of the stent's upper end; computing a desired position of the second support element based on the position of the stent's upper end; and using a positioning device to move the second support element to the desired position, wherein the movement of the second support element causes the conical portions of the first and second support elements to engage the respective ends of the stent to center the stent around a core element of the stent support and to secure the stent in a longitudinal direction of the stent support.

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29. A device for aligning a stent with a stent support, comprising: a stent support receptacle for receiving a first support element of a stent support to position the stent support in a vertical position; a digital imaging device for imaging a stent mounted on the stent support; a computer connected to the

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digital imaging device for receiving a digital image of the stent support and the stent mounted thereon, wherein the computer computes the position of an upper end of the stent from the digital image of the stent support and the stent mounted thereon and computes a desired position of a second support element of the stent support based on the position of the stent's upper end; and a positioning device for moving the second support element to the desired position.

30. The device of claim 29, further comprising: a core element support for supporting a free end of a core element of the stent support so that the core element and the first support element are substantially coaxial.

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CLM What is claimed is:

1. A method for aligning a stent with a stent support, comprising: placing a stent support and a stent mounted on the stent support in a vertical position with the stent support's first support element at a lower position and the stent support's second support element at an upper position, wherein the lower end of the stent faces a conical portion of the first support element and the upper end of the stent faces a conical portion of the second support element; obtaining a digital image of the stent support and stent; analyzing the digital image of the stent support and stent to compute the vertical position of the stent's upper end; computing a desired position of the second support element based on the position of the stent's upper end; and using a positioning device to move the second support element to the desired position, wherein the movement of the second support element causes the conical portions of the first and second support elements to engage the respective ends of the stent to center the stent around a core element of the stent support and to secure the stent in a longitudinal direction of the stent support.
2. The method of claim 1, further comprising: the step of obtaining the digital image of the stent support and stent includes using a digital imaging device to obtain the digital image of the stent support and stent.
3. The method of claim 1, further comprising: computing stent runout after the step of using the positioning device to move the second support element.
4. The method of claim 3, further comprising: if the computed stent runout is greater than an acceptable limit, lifting the second support element to disengage the second support element from the upper end of the stent.
5. The method of claim 4, further comprising: after the second support element has been disengaged from the upper end of the stent, repeating the step of obtaining a digital image of the stent support and stent; repeating the step of analyzing the digital image; repeating the step of computing a desired position of the second support element; and repeating the step of using the positioning device to move the second support element to the desired position.
6. The method of claim 1, further comprising: obtaining a second digital image of the stent support and stent after the step of using the positioning device to move the second support element; and computing the actual position of the second support element from the second digital image and comparing the actual position of the second support element with the desired position.
7. The method of claim 6, further comprising: if the difference between the actual and desired positions of the second support element exceeds an acceptable limit, using the positioning device to move the second support element to the desired position.
8. The method of claim 1, further comprising: re-seating the stent on the conical portion of the first support element before the step of obtaining the digital image of the stent support and the stent.
9. The method of claim 8, wherein the step of re-seating includes vibrating the first support element.

10. The method of claim 8, wherein the step of re-seating includes striking the first support element.
11. The method of claim 8, wherein the step of re-seating includes lifting the stent off the first support element and releasing the stent.
12. The method of claim 8, wherein the step of re-seating includes tapping on the stent.
13. The method of claim 1, further comprising determining the orientation of the stent from the digital image of the stent support and stent.
14. The method of claim 13, wherein the step of determining the orientation of the stent includes examining crown types at least one stent end.
15. The method of claim 1, further comprising determining the type of the stent from the digital image of the stent support and stent.
16. The method of claim 15, further comprising computing the length of the stent and determining the type of the stent based on the length of the stent.
17. The method of claim 15, further comprising computing the number of end crowns at least one of the stent ends and determining the type of the stent based on the number of end crowns.
18. The method of claim 15, further comprising determining the types of end crowns at least one of the stent ends and determining the type of the stent based on the types of end crowns.
19. The method of claim 15, further comprising: determining the types of end crowns at least one of the stent ends; computing the length of the stent; and determining the type of the stent based on the types of end crowns and the length of the stent.
20. The method of claim 1, wherein the digital image includes the entire outer surfaces of the stent ends.
21. The method of claim 20, further comprising determining the orientation of the stent from the digital image of the stent support and stent.
22. The method of claim 21, wherein the step of determining the orientation of the stent includes examining the end crown types at least one stent end.
23. The method of claim 20, further comprising determining the type of the stent from the digital image of the stent support and stent.
24. The method of claim 23, further comprising computing the length of the stent and determining the type of the stent based on the length of the stent.
25. The method of claim 23, further comprising determining the number of end crowns at least one of the stent ends and determining the type of the stent based on the number of end crowns.
26. The method of claim 23, further comprising determining the types of end crowns at least one of the stent ends and determining the type of the stent based on the types of end crowns.
27. The method of claim 23, further comprising: determining the types of end crowns at least one of the stent ends; computing the length of the stent; and determining the type of the stent based on the types of end crowns and the length of the stent.

28. The method of claim 1, further comprising: supporting a free end of the core element so that the core element and the first support element are substantially coaxial.

29. A device for aligning a stent with a stent support, comprising: a stent support receptacle for receiving a first support element of a stent support to position the stent support in a vertical position; a digital imaging device for imaging a stent mounted on the stent support; a computer connected to the digital imaging device for receiving a digital image of the stent support and the stent mounted thereon, wherein the computer computes the position of an upper end of the stent from the digital image of the stent support and the stent mounted thereon and computes a desired position of a second support element of the stent support based on the position of the stent's upper end; and a positioning device for moving the second support element to the desired position.

30. The device of claim 29, further comprising: a core element support for supporting a free end of a core element of the stent support so that the core element and the first support element are substantially coaxial.

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CLM What is claimed is:

1. A method for aligning a stent with a stent support, comprising: placing a stent support and a stent mounted on the stent support in a vertical position with the stent support's first support element at a lower position and the stent support's second support element at an upper position, wherein the lower end of the stent faces a conical portion of the first support element and the upper end of the stent faces a conical portion of the second support element; obtaining a digital image of the stent support and stent; analyzing the digital image of the stent support and stent to compute the vertical position of the stent's upper end; computing a desired position of the second support element based on the position of the stent's upper end; and using a positioning device to move the second support element to the desired position, wherein the movement of the second support element causes the conical sections of the first and second support elements to engage the respective ends of the stent to center the stent around a core element of the stent support and to secure the stent in a longitudinal direction of the stent support.

2. The method of claim 1, further comprising: the step of obtaining the digital image of the stent support and stent includes using a digital imaging device to obtain the digital image of the stent support and stent.

3. The method of claim 1, further comprising: computing stent runout after the step of using the positioning device to move the second support element.

4. The method of claim 3, further comprising: if the computed stent runout is greater than an acceptable limit, lifting the second support element to disengage the second support element with the upper end of the stent.

5. The method of claim 4, further comprising: after the second support element has been disengaged with the upper end of the stent, repeating the step of obtaining a digital image of the stent support and stent; repeating the step of analyzing the digital image; repeating the step of computing a desired position of the second support element; repeating the step of using the positioning device to move the second support element to the desired position.

6. The method of claim 1, further comprising: obtaining a second digital image of the stent support and stent after the step of using the positioning device to move the second support element; and computing the actual position of the second support element from the second digital image and comparing the actual position of the second support element with the desired position.

7. The method of claim 6, further comprising: if the difference between the actual and desired positions of the second support element 46 exceeds an acceptable limit, using the positioning device to move the second support element 46 to the desired position.

8. The method of claim 1, further comprising: re-seating the stent on the conical portion of the first support element before the step of obtaining the digital image of the stent support and the stent;

9. The method of claim 8, wherein the step of re-seating includes vibrating the first support element.

10. The method of claim 8, wherein the step of re-seating includes striking the first support element.

11. The method of claim 8, wherein the step of re-seating includes lifting the stent off the first support element and releasing the stent.

12. The method of claim 8, wherein the step of re-seating includes tapping on the stent.

13. The method of claim 1, further comprising determining the orientation of the stent from the digital image of the stent support and stent.

14. The method of claim 13, wherein the step of determining the orientation of the stent includes examining crown types at at least one stent end.

15. The method of claim 1, further comprising determining the type of the stent from the digital image of the stent support and stent.

16. The method of claim 15, further comprising computing the length of the stent and determining the type of the stent based on the length of the stent.

17. The method of claim 15, further comprising computing the number of end crowns at at least one of the stent ends and determining the type of the stent based on the number of end crowns.

18. The method of claim 15, further comprising determining the types of end crowns at at least one of the stent ends and determining the type of the stent based on the types of end crowns.

19. The method of claim 15, further comprising: determining the types of end crowns at at least one of the stent ends; computing the length of the stent; and determining the type of the stent based on the types of end crowns and the length of the stent.

20. The method of claim 1, wherein the digital image includes the entire outer surfaces of the stent ends.

21. The method of claim 20, further comprising determining the orientation of the stent from the digital image of the stent support and stent.

22. The method of claim 21, wherein the step of determining the orientation of the stent includes examining the end crown types at at least one stent end.

23. The method of claim 20, further comprising determining the type of the stent from the digital image of the stent support and stent.
24. The method of claim 23, further comprising computing the length of the stent and determining the type of the stent based on the length of the stent.
25. The method of claim 23, further comprising determining the number of end crowns at at least one of the stent ends and determining the type of the stent based on the number of end crowns.
26. The method of claim 23, further comprising determining the types of end crowns at at least one of the stent ends and determining the type of the stent based on the types of end crowns.
27. The method of claim 23, further comprising: determining the types of end crowns at at least one of the stent ends; computing the length of the stent; and determining the type of the stent based on the types of end crowns and the length of the stent.
28. The method of claim 1, further comprising: supporting a free end of the core element so that the core element and the first support element are substantially coaxial.
29. A device for aligning a stent with a stent support, comprising: a stent support receptacle for receiving a first support element of a stent support to position the stent support in a vertical position; a digital imaging device for imaging a stent mounted on the stent support; a computer connected to the digital imaging device for receiving a digital image of the stent support and the stent mounted thereon, wherein the computer computes the position of an upper end of the stent from the digital image of the stent support and the stent mounted thereon and computes a desired position of a second support element of the stent support based on the position of the stent's upper end; and a positioning device for moving the second support element to the desired position.
30. The device of claim 29, further comprising: a core element support for supporting a free end of a core element of the stent support so that the core element and the first support element are substantially coaxial.

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