Method and Apparatus for Improved Patient Care

A medical care management system is disclosed having a database of patient information including medical history records, comprising a medical record input apparatus (20); a medical records storage apparatus (48); a medical records viewing apparatus (20); a means for automatically scrolling the medical record being displayed by the medical record viewing apparatus; and a comment input apparatus receiving comments from a user of the system relating to the method record being displayed, and inputting the comments into the medical records storage apparatus linked to the medical record being displayed. The system can further comprise a patient information input information apparatus; and linking means for linking the patient information to at least one stored medical record.
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WEST: patient or medical database, input, storing, voice recognition.

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