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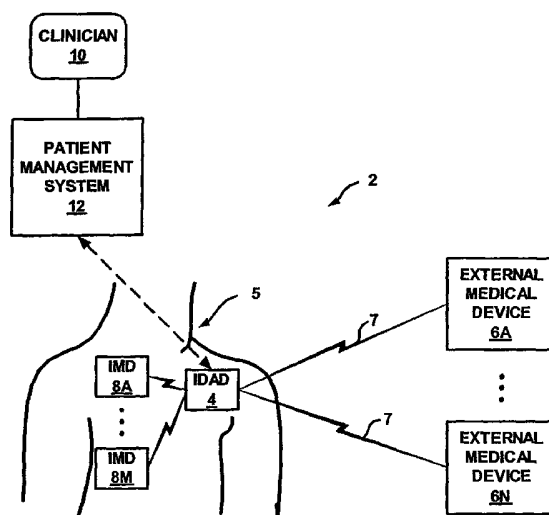
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(57) Abstract: An implantable device is described that collects and aggregates data from non-implanted medical devices external from a body of a patient. The device may also collect and aggregate data from medical devices implanted within the body. The implantable device includes a wireless transceiver to acquire physiological data from the external medical devices, and a storage medium to store the physiological data. A processor retrieves the physiological data and communicates the physiological data to a remote patient management system. The device may collect the physiologic data from the various external data sources, possibly over an extended period of time, and stores the data for subsequent upload to a common patient management system. In addition, the implantable device may collect physiological data from other medical devices implanted within the patient. In this manner, the device provides a central point for collection and aggregation of physiological data relating to the patient.

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