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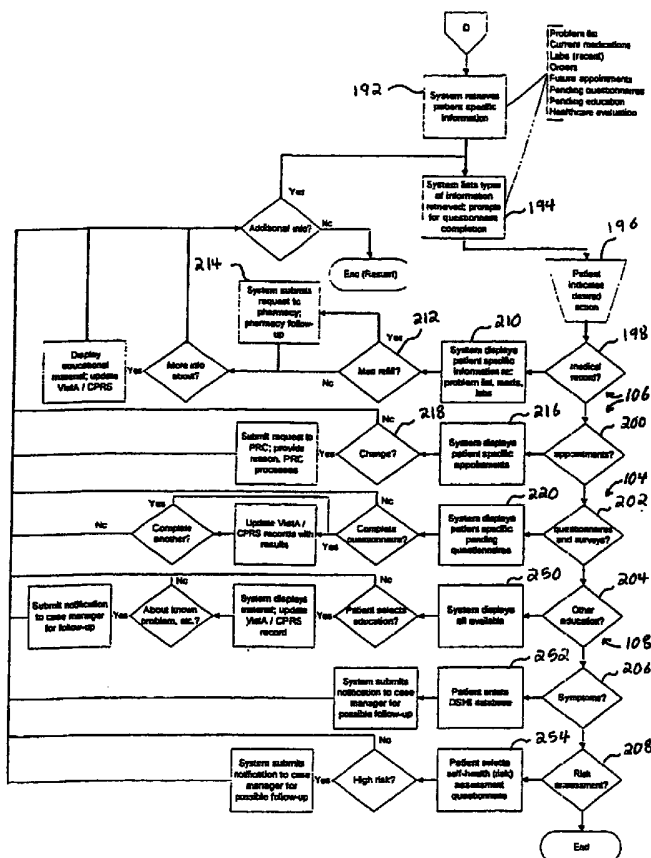
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(57) Abstract: A method and apparatus for HIPAA compliant outpatient process automation is provided. The method includes prompting a user to select at least one anonymous application. If the user selects an anonymous application, the method includes receiving from the user anonymous query information and matching the anonymous query information to anonymous information stored in a database, and thereafter displaying guidance based upon the matched anonymous information. If the user selects a patient specific application, the method includes receiving from the user patient specific query information and matching the patient specific information stored in a database, and thereafter displaying guidance based upon the matched patient specific information. The patient specific information may include a medical record information application (198), an appointment information application (202), a symptom information application (206), and a risk assessment information application (208).

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