



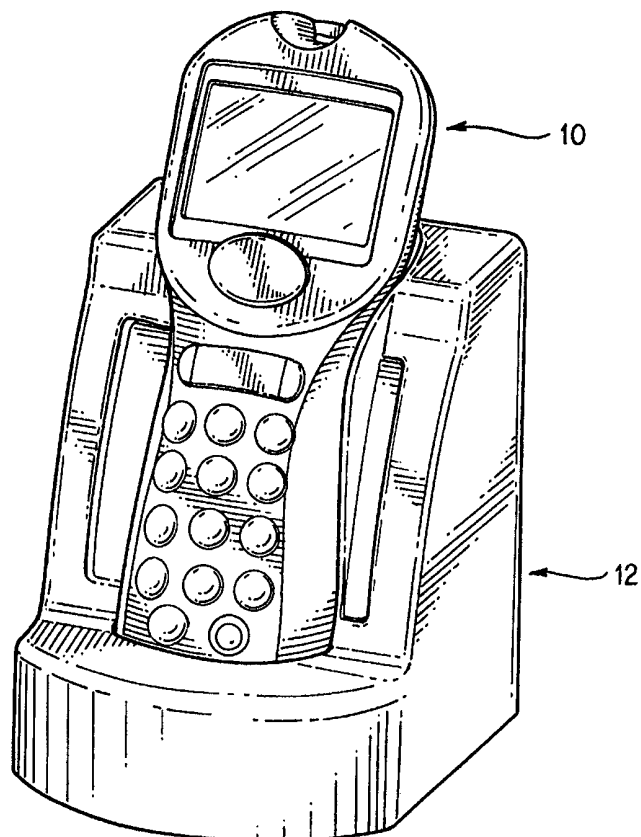
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(54) Title: ANALYTE TEST INSTRUMENT SYSTEM INCLUDING DATA MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

## (57) Abstract

A method of managing data for a plurality of analyte test instruments connected to a data communication network. The method comprises the steps of: detecting via a host computer the connection of each instrument to the data communication network; uploading data received from each instrument to the host computer; processing the uploaded data on the host computer for operator review; and downloading configuration data from the host computer to each test instrument, the downloaded data comprising instrument-specific setup and control data. The invention further involves a hand-held analyte test instrument and a docking station for the test instrument.



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Displaying locally and passing on to a host computer of data from a hand-held analyte test instrument

2. Claim : 2

Power source management of a hand-held analyte test instrument

3. Claim : 3

Docking station for a hand-held measurement device

4. Claim : 4

Management of data from a plurality of analyte test instruments

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