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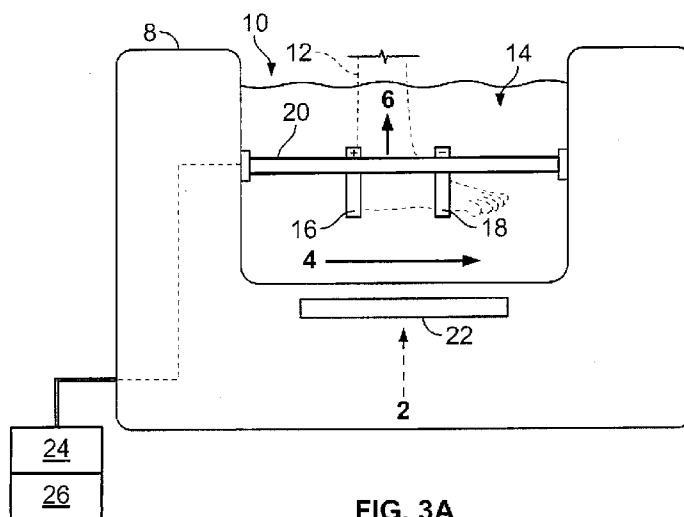


FIG. 3A

(57) Abstract: Apparatus and methods for effecting therapy on a body using an electric/magnetic or an electromagnetic field is disclosed herein generally having a housing defining a reservoir for receiving a portion of the body at least partially within an electrically conductive medium. A portion of the reservoir contains at least one positively charged electrode and at least one negative charged electrode secured to the housing by a retaining member. The apparatus may also comprise of a magnet in proximity to the electrodes. The electrodes induce a static or a fluctuating electric field which is regulated by a controller unit such that the electric field is perpendicular to the magnetic field to impart a resulting force which may act upon the user's body to effect therapy. The electric current may be further regulated by measuring a physiological parameter and correlating the electric and/or magnetic field strength according to the measured physiological parameter.

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Box No. III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:
Group I, claims 1-32, drawn to an apparatus for effecting therapy on a patient comprising a controller unit in communication with electrodes and/or a magnet.
Group II, claims 33-60, drawn to a method for improving circulation within a portion of a patient's body comprising measuring a physiological parameter of the body.

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