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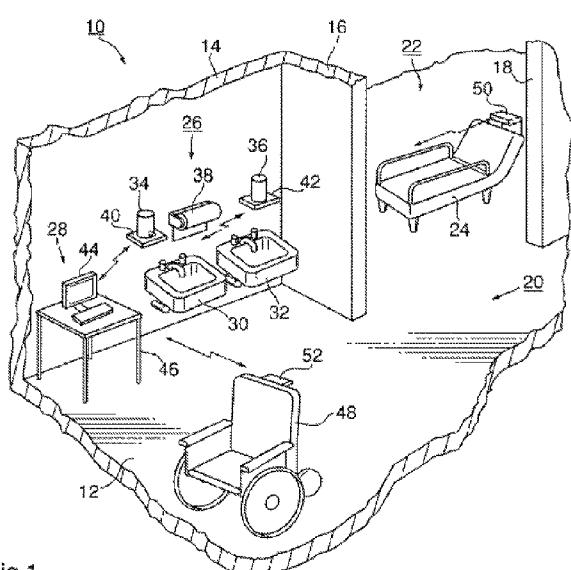


Fig. 1

(57) Abstract: A wireless time-of-flight distance measurement device and/or a motion detector is used at each of a plurality of stations in a wireless network in an enclosed facility to accurately locate a badge-wearing person near the station. The location, badge number and time of detection are transmitted through the network and stored in a computer memory. In a healthcare facility, hand washing detectors are located at some of the stations and caused to energize a hand wash status indicator light on the badge when the wearer has washed his or her hands. The light remains "on" for only a certain length of time, but will be extinguished sooner by a monitor device near each patient when the healthcare worker leaves the vicinity of the patient. These events also are transmitted and stored so that a timed record of each worker's hand washing and visits to patients is created.



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1 . claims: 1-14

A system and a method for locating personnel by transmitting two signals with different velocities and recording the time difference of arrival.

2 . claims: 15-19, 32-33

An identity badge having a remotely actuatable hand wash status indicator and a method of controlling the indicator.

3 . claims: 20-31

A locator and monitor system detecting people located within a predetermined distance from a patient; storing the identification and localization data.

4 . claims: 34-36

A locator and monitor system using a motion detector to detect proximity; storing the identification and localization data.

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