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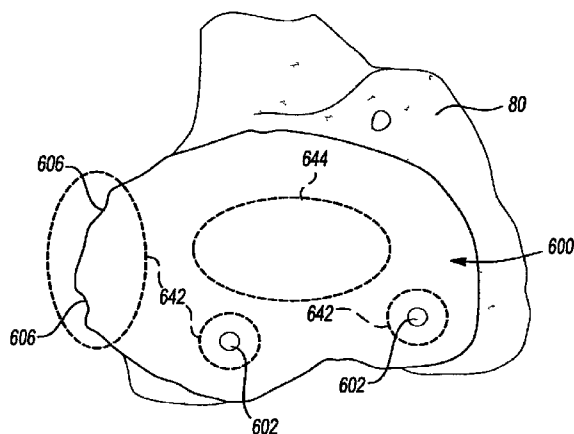
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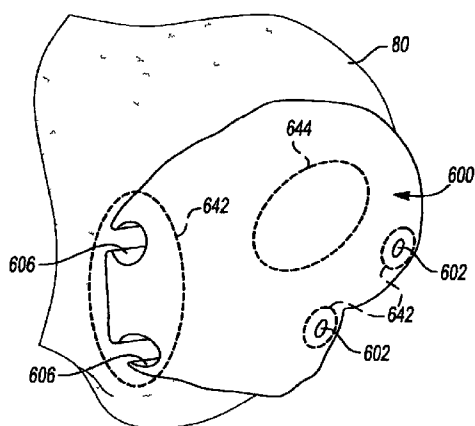
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(54) Title: PATIENT SPECIFIC KNEE ALIGNMENT GUIDE AND ASSOCIATED METHOD



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(57) Abstract: A method of preparing a joint for a prosthesis in a patient. The method includes obtaining scan data associated with the joint of the patient, preparing a three dimensional image of the joint based on the scan data, preparing an interactive initial surgical plan based on the scan data, sending the surgical plan to a surgeon, receiving a finalized surgical plan from the surgeon, and preparing an image of a patient specific alignment guide.

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eKIPASS(KIPO internal), DELPHION, PubMed "orthopedic, scan\*, alignment guide, pre-operat\*, surgic\*, and similar terms"

**C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT**

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## Box No. II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons

- 1 ☒ Claims Nos 1-10  
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely  
Claims 1-10 relate to methods for treatment of the human by diagnostic methods and pre-operative practice by a surgeon, and thus relate to a subject matter which this International Searching Authority is not required, under Article 17(2)(a)(i) of the PCT and Rule 39 I(iv) of the Regulations under the PCT, to search
- 2 ☐ Claims Nos  
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically
- 3 ☐ Claims Nos  
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6 4(a)

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This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows

- 1 ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims
- 2 ☒ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee
- 3 ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos
- 4 ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims, it is covered by claims Nos

### Remark on Protest

- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest and, where applicable, the payment of a protest fee
- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest but the applicable protest fee was not paid within the time limit specified in the invitation
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