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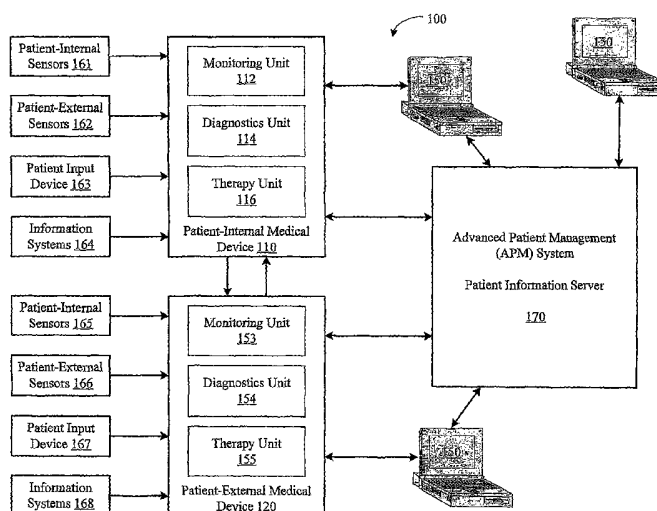
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(54) Title: PATIENT MONITORING, DIAGNOSIS, AND/OR THERAPY SYSTEMS AND METHODS



(57) Abstract: Systems and methods for monitoring, diagnosing, and/or treating a patient are provided. One or more individual medical procedures may be utilized to monitor, diagnose and/or treat the patient. Two or more of the individual medical procedures or may be used in combination to provide more comprehensive patient monitoring, diagnosis and/or therapy. One or more functions of two or more individual medical procedures may be used in combination to enhance patient monitoring, diagnosis and/or therapy. The medical procedures may be coordinated. Coordinated medical procedures may involve cooperative operation of two or more of the individual processes. Coordinated medical procedures may also involve cooperative operation of one or more functions of two or more of the individual processes.



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1. claims: 1-33

System comprising and implantable cardiac device, an external respiratory therapy device and a communication channel between the devices

2. claim: 34

System for classifying diordered breathing

3. claim: 35

System for providing disordered breathing

4. claim: 36

A medical system for selecting autonomous arousal events

5. claim: 37

A system for characterizing respiration of a patient

6. claim: 38

A medical event logbook system

7. claim: 39

A respiratory event logbook system

8. claim: 40

A sleep logbook system

9. claim: 41

A system for detecting snoring

10. claim: 42

Posture detection system

11. claim: 43

Medical system with cardiac sensors coupled to respiratory therapy device

12. claim: 44

Medical system with breathing sensor and implantable monitoring device

13. claim: 45

Medical system with implantable monitoring unit, a processor for feedback information related to breathing therapy provided by a separate entity

14. claim: 46

A medical system with a detector system for disordered breathing, a respiratory therapy device and an implantable cardiac therapy device and a therapy controller

15. claim: 47

A medical system comprising a respiratory therapy device including a sensor system and a diagnosis unit

16. claim: 48

A system for controlling therapy of a non-breathing rhythm related pulmonary disease

17. claim: 49

A medical therapy control system comprising an external respiratory device, a cardiopulmonary status processor and a therapy controller

18. claim: 50

A gas therapy system

19. claim: 51

A system for assessing a disease presence

20. claim: 52

A medical system comprising a pulse generator and a control unit

21. claim: 53

A system comprising a data acquisition unit and a therapy delivery system

22. claim: 54

A system comprising a brain activity sensor and detector, a respiratory or cardiac processor and controller

23. claim: 55

A system for detecting sleep related disorders

24. claim: 56

A system for evaluating a pathological condition
