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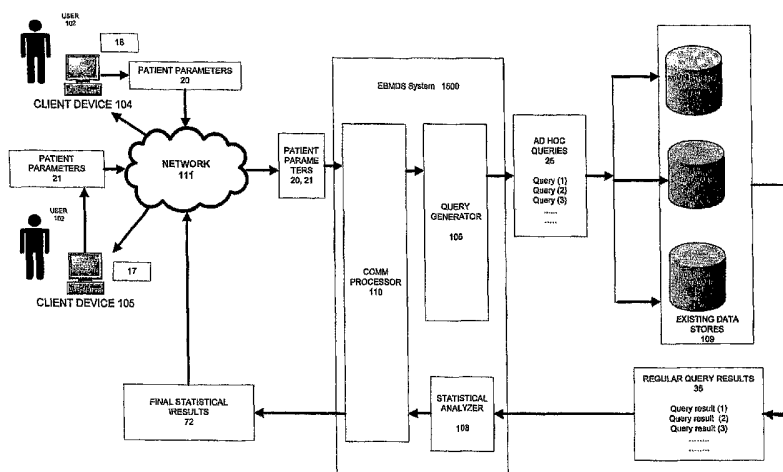
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(57) Abstract: A medical information management system is disclosed comprising at least one patient record repository that includes information identifying treatments and corresponding outcomes for a plurality of different patients. The system further comprises a query generator for generating a message to acquire information concerning a medical condition of a particular patient from the record repository. The query message initiates the acquisition of information from the record repository including data identifying, (i) a group of patients and a number of patients in a group, (ii) those attributes of the patients in the group which are similar to attributes of the particular patient and, (iii) different treatments associated with a medical condition employed by the patients in the group. The system further includes a data analyzer for analyzing the information acquired by the query generator to provide analysis results including (1) mortality of the patients of the group, (2) the length of patient stay in a healthcare facility of the patients of the group and (3) the cost of treatment incurred by the patients of the group

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