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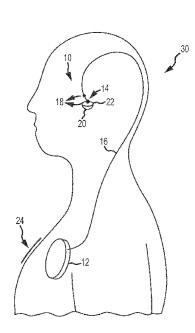


FIG.2

(57) Abstract: Methods and systems for treating anxiety disorders and disorders with psychotic features include implanting at least one electrode in the patient so as to contact a predetermined region of the brain, coupling the at least one electrode to a signal generating source and transmitting an electrical signal from the source to the predetermined region of the brain through the at least one electrode. In one aspect, the predetermined region of the brain is the amygdala, and more specifically, the basolateral nucleus.



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