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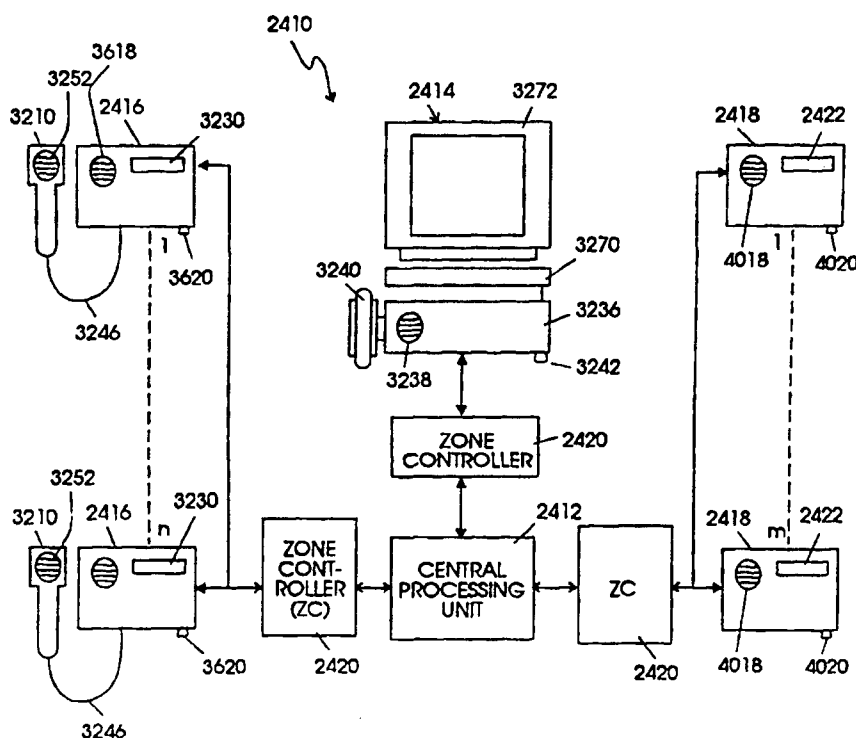
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(57) Abstract

The present invention relates to a patient care and communication system which utilizes a central processing system and a plurality of remote stations electrically connected to the central processing system to facilitate visual and data communications. Each remote station includes telephone circuitry which is connected to a private branch exchange for telephones communications between stations. In addition, the private branch exchange is connected to a telephone exchange and a plurality of telephones for facilitating telephone communication therebetween. The central processing system facilitates the visual and data communications between the plurality of remote stations, and includes a system for determining which of the plurality of remote stations are transmitting the visual and data communications and which of the plurality of remote stations are to receive the visual and data communications. The central processing system also includes a system which establishes a communication link between the transmitting stations and the receiving stations. The remote stations include a processing system which also facilitates the visual, data and telephone communications and a display for displaying the visual communications. The present invention also includes a staff and/or patient locator system, in which each remote station includes an infrared receiver that receives infrared transmissions from a portable transmitter worn by a staff member or patient. The infrared transmissions include identity information associated with the person wearing the transmitter. The identity information is then transferred to the central processing system which determines the identity and location of each person wearing a portable transmitter.



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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 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:

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- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

In the present application, SAE 105776 (PCT/US95/02440), two sets of claims relating to two different technical features are disclosed:

1. Independent claim 1 and dependent claims 2-19, independent claim 20 and dependent claim 21, independent claim 22 and dependent claim 23 and independent claim 24 describe a patient care and communication system which comprise a central station, a plurality of remote stations and a private branch exchange.
2. Independent claim 25 and dependent claims 26-29 and independent claim 30 describe an apparatus for remotely controlling environmental facilities within a room of a health care facility.

There is no common special technical feature linking independent claim 1 and its independent claims 2-19, independent claim 20 and dependent claim 21, independent claim 22 and dependent claim 23, independent claim 24 and independent claim 25 and its dependent claims 26-29, and independent claim 30. Consequently the application doesn't comply the requirements of unity of invention (see rule 13 PCT).

The search has been performed, according to Art. 17,3 PCT, on those part of the international application which relate to the invention first mentioned in the claims. (claims 1-24)

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