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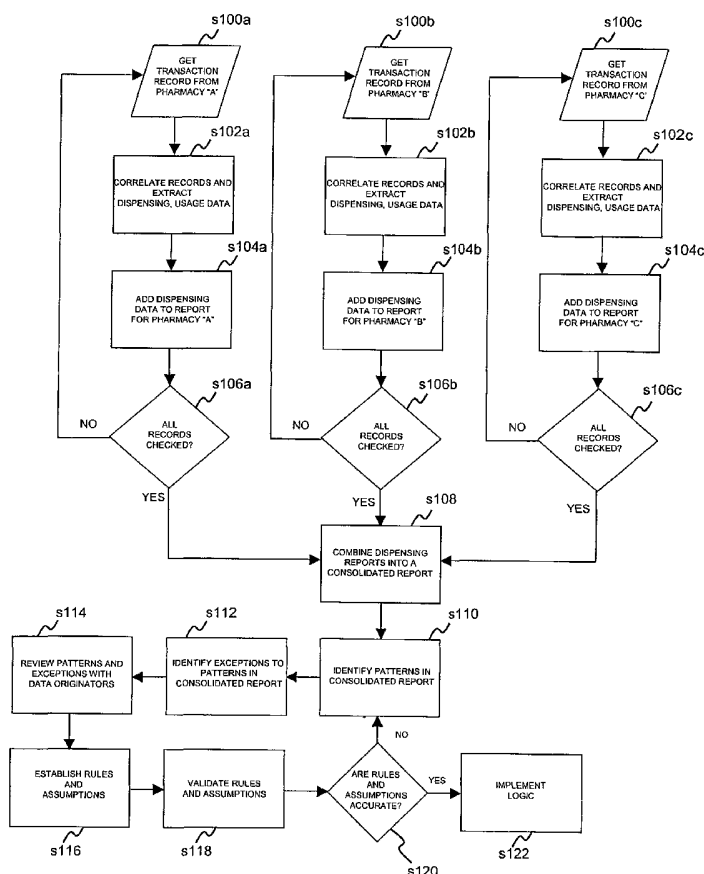
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(57) Abstract: A system for assimilating and using pharmacy data to determine actual consumption of medications from particular sources, such as pharmaceutical companies (figure 1). Transaction records are accumulated and correlated, and medication dispensing and usage data is extracted to determine actual consumption information (Figure 1). In an alternate embodiment, the transaction records and dispensing data are examined for identifiable usage patterns (Figure 2). The patterns form the basis for a set of rules that can then be used to calculate actual consumption data from transaction records (Figure 2).

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