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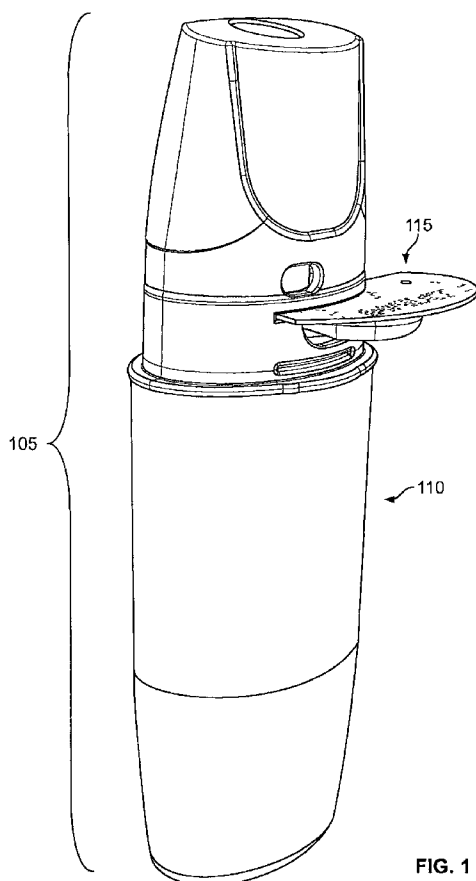


FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: A drug transfer system is adapted to transfer a powdered drug into a patient via inhalation. The drug transfer system includes a drug container or packet that removably inserts into an inhaler device. As the patient inhales from the inhaler device, the drug flows from the container, through the inhaler device, and into the patient's respiratory system. The system is adapted for ease of use without requiring the user to perform any cumbersome manipulations of the drug packet during insertion into the inhaler or during inhalation of the drug.

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