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(54) **Universal/upgrading pulse oximeter**

(57) A universal/upgrading pulse oximeter (UPO) (210) comprises a portable unit (610) and a docking station (660, 910) together providing three-instruments-in-one functionality for measuring oxygen saturation and related physiological parameters. The portable unit functions as a handheld pulse oximeter. The combination of the docked portable and the docking station functions as a stand-alone, high-performance pulse oximeter. The portable-docking station combination is also connectable to, and universally compatible with, pulse oximeters from various manufacturers through use of a waveform generator (320, 930). The UPO provides a universal sensor to pulse oximeter interface and a pulse oximeter measurement capability that upgrades the performance of conventional instruments by increasing low perfusion performance and motion artifact immunity, for example. Universal compatibility combined with portability allows the UPO to be transported along with patients transferred between an ambulance and a hospital ER, or between various hospital sites, providing continuous patient monitoring in addition to plug-compatibility and functional upgrading for multiparameter patient monitoring systems. The image on the portable display (264, 740) is rotatable, either manually when undocked or as a function of orientation (950). In one embodiment, the docking station (660) has a web server and network interface (1410) that allows UPO data to be downloaded and viewed as web

pages over a local area network (1420) or the Internet.

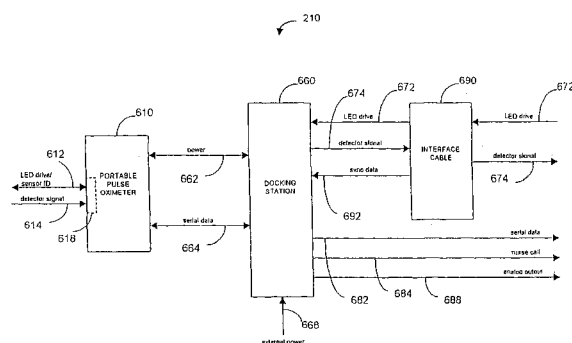


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摘要(译)

通用/升级脉冲血氧计 (UPO) (210) 包括便携式单元 (610) 和对接站 (660,910)，它们一起提供用于测量氧饱和度和相关生理参数的三仪器一体机功能。便携式装置用作手持式脉搏血氧仪。对接便携式和对接站的组合可用作独立的高性能脉搏血氧仪。便携式对接站组合还可通过使用波形发生器 (320,930) 连接到各种制造商的脉冲血氧计并且通用地与之兼容。UPO提供通用传感器，用于脉搏血氧仪接口和脉搏血氧仪测量功能，可提升性能例如，通过增加低灌注性能和运动伪影免疫力的常规仪器。通用兼容性与便携性相结合，允许UPO与在救护车和医院ER之间或在各医院站点之间转移的患者一起运输，除了插件兼容性和多参数患者监测系统的功能升级之外，还提供连续的患者监测。便携式显示器 (264,740) 上的图像可以是可旋转的，可以在未对接时手动或者根据方向 (950) 旋转。在一个实施例中，对接站 (660) 具有允许的网络服务器和网络接口 (1410)。要通过局域网 (1420) 下载和查看为网页的UPO数据互联网。

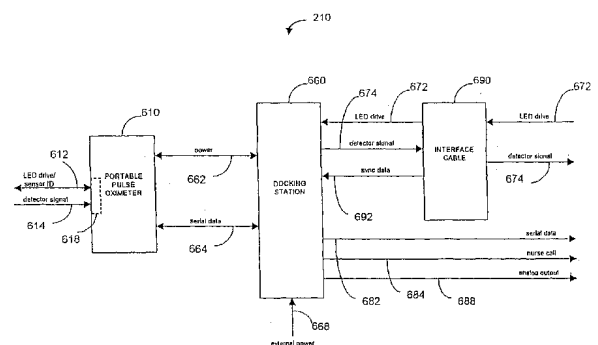


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