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Article 52 (4) EPC - A method of attenuating or deflecting pressure in an anatomical structure (claims 1-7) and a method of treating a patient using a pressure attenuator (claims 24-34) in general and in particular a method of treating the pathological disorder of urinary tract dysfunction (claims 9-17 and 44-49) are clearly methods for treatment of the human or animal body by therapy, some of said claims even including diagnosis, thus forming diagnostic methods practised on the human or animal body (claims 8, 12-14, 32-34). Furthermore, the steps of exposing or introducing an attenuator to increase pressure within a body cavity or infusing a volume of fluid into said body cavity are clearly surgical in nature and pertain to a method for treatment of the human or animal body by surgery. (see also p. 1, l. 11-13, l.33; p. 3, l. 34.)

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摘要(译)

公开了压力衰减器,用于衰减解剖结构中的压力变化。衰减器可从第一引入配置移动到第二植入配置。当处于第二种植入配置时,衰减器通过响应压力峰值可逆地减小体积来减弱体内的压力峰值。在一种应用中,衰减器用于治疗尿路功能障碍。还公开了部署设备,检索设备和方法。

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