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(57) **ABSTRACT**

The present patent refers to improvements introduced in electromedical equipment, applied to automated triage of newborn babies with purpose to detect possible congenital heart defects by means of little heart test, through dedicated software (DS) implanted in memory (1-G), georeference block (1-M), pendrive (3), external HD (4), energy and supply assembly (E) provided with DC02215V J4 connector, cable and power supply, plug (P) positioned at the rear panel of the apparatus (1), internal and external connections (C) with magnets arranged into two rows at the rear part of the apparatus (1), of "C"-shape metallic base (2) with two front flanges (2-A), aiming to increase the number of users, increase flexibility of test protocol and change the usability in order to minimize errors, bringing advantages of higher testing speed, improved interface with user, better measurement quality, lower cost, higher usage versatility, and lighter weight and smaller size of equipment.

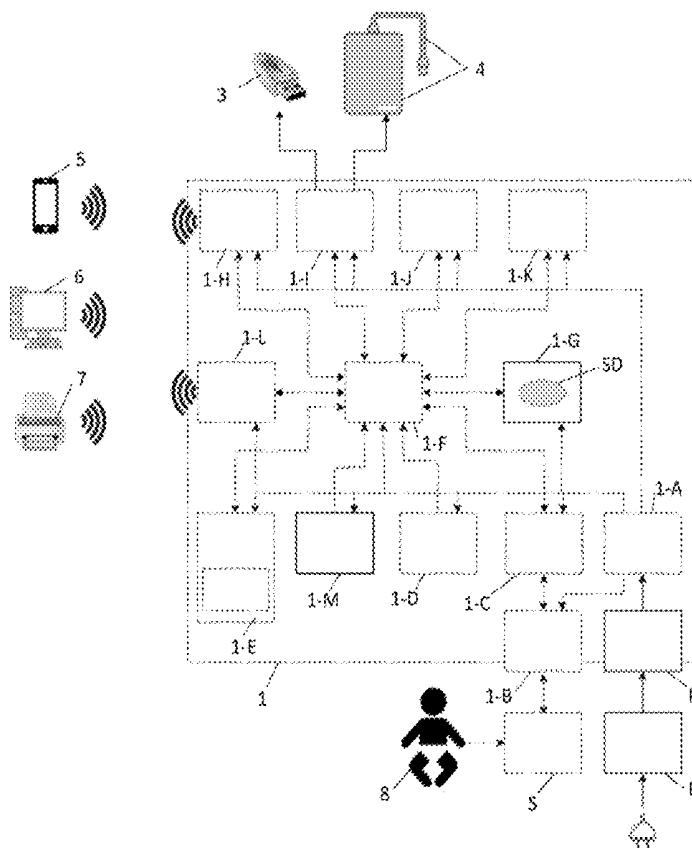
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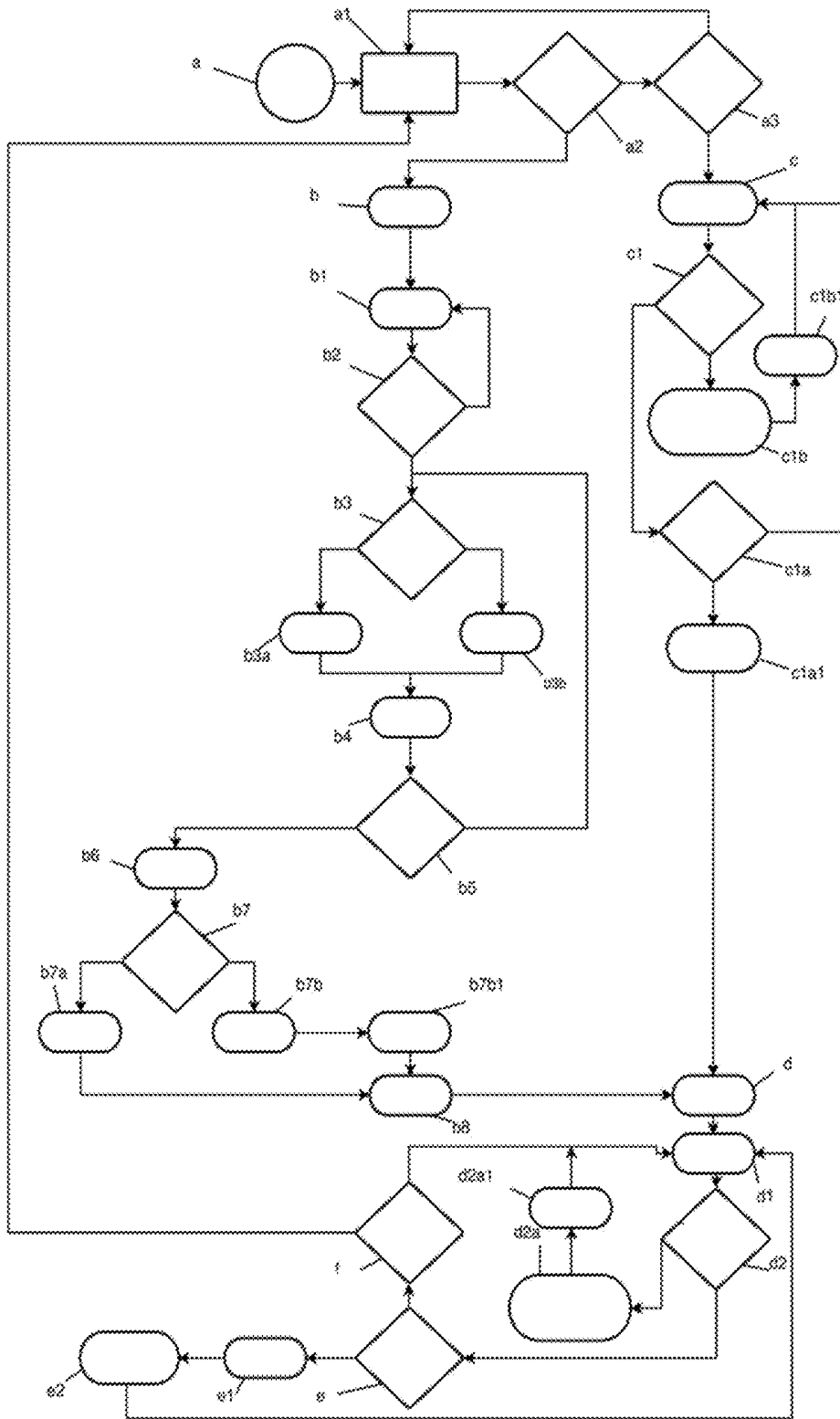


FIG. 2

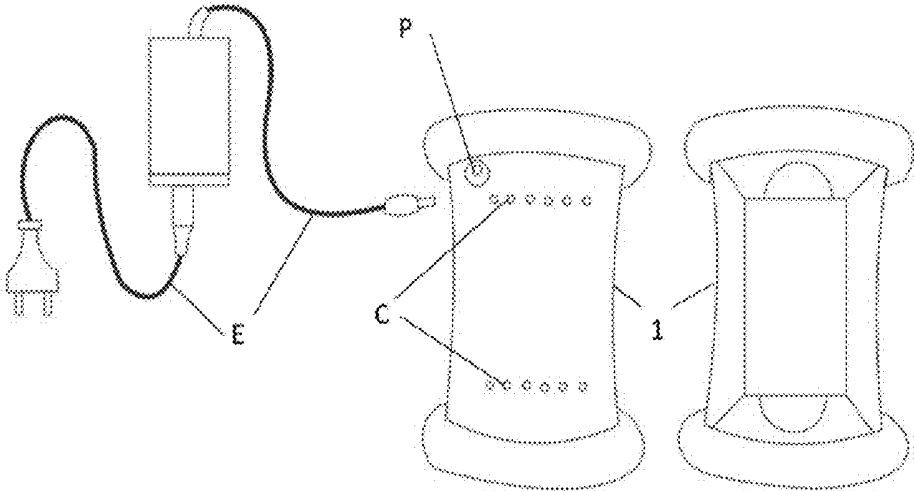


FIG. 3

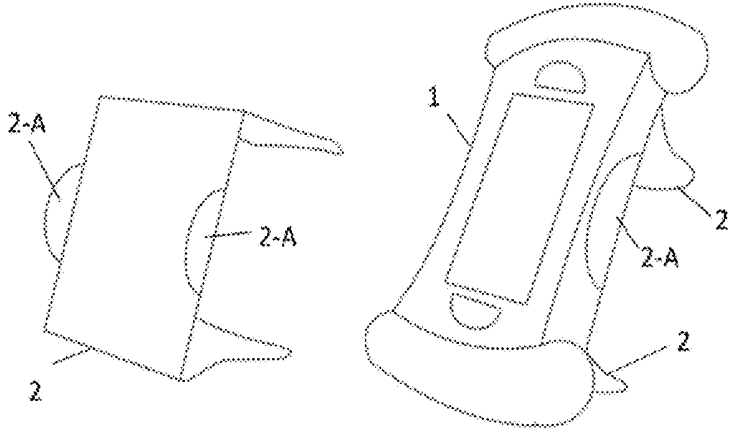


FIG. 4

FIG. 5

**INTRODUCED TO ELECTROMEDICAL
EQUIPMENT FOR AUTOMATED TRIAGE
OF NEWBORN WITH POSSIBLE
CONGENITAL HEART DEFECTS**

[0001] The present invention refers to improvements introduced to electromedical equipment object of Brazilian patent BR10 2012 012062-3, applied into automatic triage of newborn babies with purpose to detect possible congenital heart defects by means of little heart test, though improvements in its process and constructability, aiming to increase the number of users, increase the flexibility of test protocol, and change the usability in order to minimize errors, bringing advantages of higher testing speed, improved interface with user, better measurement quality, lower cost, higher usage versatility and lighter weight and smaller size of equipment.

[0002] The Brazilian patent request BR10 2012 012062-3 named Electromedical Equipment for Automated Triage of Newborn with Possible Congenital Heart Defects, filed by the same title owner of the present patent request, disclosed an equipment um that uses the pulse oximetry to identify the patients having heart defects/diseases, automatizing the conduction of little heart test in newborn patients, provided with a little heart test software preinstalled in its system, connectivity (Internet, Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, USB, Ethernet, serial, RS-232, printer, among others) in order to enable sharing or printing the examinations made, a keyboard (either physical or touchscreen) for allowing the health care professional to enter the patient identification data, a webcam, for enabling the patient photo is added to the examination report, and it may also have features such as single-dimension or bi-dimensional bar code reading, or communication systems via radio, or on-line systems for enabling the automatic insertion of patient data.

[0003] Although it has been a major evolution in the technology for detecting possible congenital heart defects through the little heart test, the equipment had some limitations, inconveniences and disadvantages that the inventors solved and ultimately resulted in the achievement of the improvements provided herein. The limitations, inconveniences and disadvantages observed were the long testing time, lack of usage flexibility in areas without internet, lack of flexibility in the working protocol, limitation in number of users, need for improved quality of measurement, equipment with large size and heavy weight, using a lot of space, and the high construction costs.

[0004] By searching both Brazilian and international patent databases, we found the following disclosures:

[0005] Patent published as document no. WO9962399, which disclosed a pulse oximeter that provides simultaneous measures, status of non-invasive oxygen and photoplethysmography in single and multiple locations. In particular, in multiple location, several parameters "pulse oximeter", or "stereo pulse oximeter" are simultaneously measured, arterial (SPA02) and venous oxygen saturation (SPV02) in any specific location, then generates a correspondent plethysmography waveform. A computing corresponding to negative arterial venous saturation is particularly advantageous to management of oxygen therapy. An induction mechanism having an active pulse unit generates a consistent pulsatile venous signal used for measuring venous blood. The stereo pulse oximeter also measures arterial oxygen saturation and forms photoplethysmography in several locations. A corresponding calculation of the delta arterial saturation and

parameter comparison of photoplethysmography form among various locations is particularly advantageous for detecting and managing Persistent Pulmonary Hypertension of the Newborn (PPHN), Patent Ductus Arteriosus (PDA) and Coarctation of the Aorta (CoA).

[0006] United States patent US2010030040, which disclosed non-invasive methods and systems for measuring several blood components or analytes, such as glucose. In a realization form, it comprises a LED light source and superluminescent LEDs. The light source emits lights in minus wavelengths of approximately 1610 nm, at approximately 1640 nm, and approximately 1665 nm. In a realization form, the detector comprises a multitude of photo-detectors arranged into a special geometry consisting of a linear, straight chain of equal geometry substantially spaced, linear not equal geometry, equal geometry spaced, and a substantially large grade geometry.

[0007] United States patent US 2011082711, which disclosed a personal health organizer that enables patients and health care professionals to manage health data. The personal health organizer can be a portable device adapted to receive physiological reading data from a health-related data collection device or derive the data reading from signals acquired by a sensor, or module/platform software for executing even when it is configured to be executed in a general-purpose computing device, such as a mobile phone/computer. The personal health organizer integrates reading data with applications that aid and promote the health management, including reminders, alerts and tracking of health data. The data acquired from reading may be forwarded to the health care professionals for allowing them to provide feedback, such as warnings and diagnostics to the users. The personal health organizer may also support the integration of electronic health record via network computing for the medical data locally stored is automatically synchronized with remotely stored medical data.

[0008] "IMPROVEMENTS INTRODUCED TO ELECTROMEDICAL EQUIPMENT FOR AUTOMATED TRIAGE OF NEWBORN WITH POSSIBLE CONGENITAL HEART DEFECTS", object of the present patent, was developed to overcome the limitations, inconveniences and disadvantages of the technology disclosed in the patent request BR10 2012 012062-3 and other disclosures mentioned, by means of improvements introduced to the process performed by software and constructability of the power supply and electrical connections, which aimed to increase the number of users, increase flexibility of test protocol and change the usability in order to minimize errors, bringing advantages of higher testing speed, improved interface with user, better measurement quality, lower cost, higher usage versatility, and lighter weight and smaller size of equipment.

[0009] The current technologies provides the following technical issues that the present patent invention addressed:

[0010] 1. Impossibility to use the equipment within areas not provided with internet, solved by the present invention by means of dedicated software, which enables using digital mediums, such as pendrive and external HD;

[0011] 2. Impossibility to correct the examination in progress, solved by means of dedicated software with interface that enables redoing only a part of the examination;

[0012] 3. Hampered examination time, solved by the present invention by means of dedicated software that provides configuration screen for selecting times;

[0013] 4. Examination quality is compromised by the movements and sensibility of the patient, which affect its resolution, solved by means of dedicated software that provides algorithm that filters the patient motions, eliminating noises; and

[0014] 5. Use of support as built-in electrical power supply and with male connectors connected to female connectors at the apparatus body require a large and heavy equipment, solved by means of construction simplification with small size connector, cable and power supply, making the apparatus self-supportive and compact.

[0015] The improvements introduced to the equipment, object of the present invention, were obtained after researches and developments of processes and hardware that aimed to resolve the problems identified in the equipment object of the patent request BR10 2012 012062-3 and that historically can be demonstrated in the following manner:

[0016] The product was being used in the market and some common difficulties were identified by the users. The main ones were:

[0017] 1. Absence or difficulty to use the Wi-Fi in medical establishment. Some hospitals and clinics have no Wi-Fi or have a very strict safety protocol, such as firewalls, which prevents the apparatus from operating properly. The Wi-Fi is fundamental to enable saving or transferring the examination results into other equipment, such as a computer or digital medium;

[0018] 2. High cost and space usage. A base is used to recharge the apparatus battery, which must be connected to the mains. An internal circuit converts into energy able for recharging the apparatus. Also, the base is used for supporting the apparatus, however, its dimensions are too large for and hospital environment and due to providing aesthetic function, it is costly; and

[0019] 3. Long time to redo the test. The software implemented to conduct the Little Heart Test not allows redo the examination from a certain point in which some defect has been verified, therefore, it is necessary to restart the entire procedure. Furthermore, the oximetry reading times are fixed and cause dissatisfaction to some professionals having more experience with the examination and also to others that are less familiarized with it.

[0020] After a critical analysis meeting, the solutions to settle the reported problems were raised, and the following actions were taken:

[0021] 1. For enabling to transfer the examination result without requirement to be connected to a Wi-Fi network, the option, the option "send examination result to pendrive" was added, thus, making it possible to save the examination result into a digital medium well consolidated in the market, not requiring to use a Wi-Fi network or any other communication means;

[0022] 2. The base was replaced with a compact-sized metal support and an external battery charger. In order to use the charger, it was necessary coupling a power supply connector to the rear part of the apparatus. The replacement reduced both the cost and space used;

[0023] 3. The user interface was modified to enable redoing only a part of the examination, avoiding the necessity to restart the entire procedure. The definition of times to measure the oximetry required during the examination are now configurable. This option meets both the needs of the

most qualified professional, who requires a shorter time, and the beginner, who requires a longer period to conduct the measurement.

[0024] For a better understanding of the present patent, the following figures are found attached hereto:

[0025] FIG. 1., which shows the diagram with physical blocks of the equipment improved by the present patent, highlighting in dashed lines the items maintained from the previous equipment, and in full lines the items introduced in the present invention.

[0026] FIG. 2., which shows the block diagram of the process sequence performed by the dedicated software implemented into the equipment memory.

[0027] FIG. 3., which shows the rear view of the connector, cable, power supply and plug aligned with the equipment.

[0028] FIG. 4., which shows the front view of the improved equipment base.

[0029] FIG. 5., which shows the front view of the improved equipment mounted onto the base.

[0030] According to FIG. 2, the process executed by the dedicated software (DS) is accomplished in the following sequence:

- [0031]** a) Start-up;
- [0032]** a1) Start screen;
- [0033]** a2) new examination ? if yes, go to b; if no, go to a3;
- [0034]** b) start examination;
- [0035]** b1) measure right hand;
- [0036]** b2) redo measurement ? if yes, return to b1; if no, go to b3;
- [0037]** b3) select right foot ? if no, go to b3a; if yes, go to b3b;
- [0038]** b3a) measure left foot and go to b4
- [0039]** b3b) measure right foot;
- [0040]** b4) finish examination;
- [0041]** b5) redo measurement ? if yes, return to b3; if no, go to b6;
- [0042]** b6) bind patient;
- [0043]** b7) patient registered ? if no, go to b7a; if yes, go to b7b;
- [0044]** b7a) register patients and go to b8;
- [0045]** b7b) list patients;
- [0046]** b7b1) select patient;
- [0047]** b8) save examination and go to d;
- [0048]** a3) list examinations? If yes, go to c; if no, return to a1;
- [0049]** c) show list of examinations;
- [0050]** c1) share examinations ? if yes, go to c1b; if no, go to c1a;
- [0051]** c1a) search examination ? if yes, return to c; if no, go to c1a1;
- [0052]** c1a1) select examination and go to d;
- [0053]** c1b) select type of sharing;
- [0054]** c1b1) share examinations and return to c;
- [0055]** d) calculate oximetry;
- [0056]** d1) show report;
- [0057]** d2) share report ? if yes, go to d2a; if no, go to e;
- [0058]** d2a) select type of sharing;
- [0059]** d2a1) share examination and return to d1;
- [0060]** e) edit registry ? if yes, go to e1; if no, go to f;
- [0061]** e1) show registration data;

[0062] e2) edit registration data and go to d1; and

[0063] f) go to start screen ? if yes, go to a1; if no, go to d1.

[0064] According to FIGS. 1, 3, 4 and 5, the improved equipment of the present patent is provided with apparatus (1) with power supply block (1-A) equipped with battery unidirectionally connected to blocks (1-B), (1-C), (1-D), (1-E), (1-G), (1-H), (1-I), (1-J), (1-K) and (1-L), and to processor (1-F), of sensor (S) placed onto patient (8) and bidirectionally connected to connector (1-B), with oximetry connector (1-B) unidirectionally connected to block (1-A) and bidirectionally connected to module (1-C), with oximetry module (1-C) unidirectionally connected to block (1-A) and bidirectionally connected to processor (1-F), with image capturing block (1-D) equipped with web cam unidirectionally connected to block (1-A) and to processor (1-F), with viewing block (1-E) equipped with touchscreen display with virtual keyboard unidirectionally connected to block (1-A) and bidirectionally connected to processor (1-F) and to block (1-L), with processor (1-F) unidirectionally connected to block (1-A) and (1-D) and bidirectionally connected to memory (1-G) and to blocks (1-C), (1-D), (1-E), (1-H), (1-I), (1-J), (1-K) and (1-L), with memory (1-G) unidirectionally connected to block (1-A) and bidirectionally connected to processor (1-F), with communication block (1-H) equipped with Wi-Fi module bidirectionally connected to processor (1-F) and remotely communicating with cell phone (5), tablet (6) and printer (7), with communication block to USB-type digital medium (1-I) unidirectionally connected to block (1-A) and bidirectionally connected to processor (1-F), with Ethernet-type communication block (1-J) unidirectionally connected to block (1-A) and bidirectionally connected to processor (1-F), with RS232-type communication block (1-K) unidirectionally connected to block (1-A) and bidirectionally connected to processor (1-F), with Bluetooth®-equipped communication block (1-L) unidirectionally connected to block (1-A), bidirectionally connected to processor (1-F) and remotely, bidirectionally connected to cell phone (5), tablet (6) and printer (7), with introduced improvements of dedicated software (DS) implemented in memory (1-G), georeference block (1-M) bidirectionally connected to processor (1-F), from pendrive (3) unidirectionally connected to communication block with digital medium (1-I), external HD (4) unidirectionally connected to communication block with digital medium (1-I), from energy and supply assembly (E) equipped with DC02215V J4 connector, cable and power supply, plug (P) positioned at rear panel of the apparatus (1), internal and external connections (C) with magnets arranged into two rows at rear part of the apparatus (1), of “C”-shape metallic base (2) with two front flanges (2-A) and attachable by magnetism at the rear panel of the equipment.

[0065] The equipment mounting for use is done in the following sequence:

[0066] 1. Connect the power supply cable to the apparatus and the power grid. This step may be bypassed if the battery has sufficient charge to supply the apparatus;

[0067] 2. Press the power-on button for 2 seconds. The apparatus will switch on;

[0068] 3. After the apparatus is started, you must connect the oximetry sensor in the equipment to the patient; and

[0069] 4. Perform the test as the following protocol:

[0070] The test conduction by the user follows the protocol below:

[0071] A. Start test: in the Little Heart Test application start screen, click on “New Examination”;

[0072] B. Position the sensor: place the sensor in the right hand of the baby and wait until the reading starts, when finishing the hand reading, repeat the previous process in one of the baby’s feet;

[0073] C. Baby profile: First examination: Add the baby profile to the test, click on “Add patient” and choose the option “New Registry”; Second examination: Add the baby profile to the test, click on “Add patient” and choose the option to bind the test to an profile already “Registered” then save the test;

[0074] D. Profile report: the test “Report” displays the personal information of the baby that may be edited, the results of measurements and sharing option appear below; and

[0075] E. When the result is abnormal, follow the instructions displayed in the item “Result”.

1. “IMPROVEMENTS INTRODUCED TO ELECTROMEDICAL EQUIPMENT FOR AUTOMATED TRIAGE OF NEWBORN WITH POSSIBLE CONGENITAL HEART DEFECTS”, provided with apparatus (1) with power supply block (1-A) equipped with battery unidirectionally connected to blocks (1-B), (1-C), (1-D), (1-E), (1-G), (1-H), (1-I), (1-J), (1-K) and (1-L), and to processor (1-F), of sensor (S) placed onto patient (8) and bidirectionally connected to connector (1-B), with oximetry connector (1-B) unidirectionally connected to block (1-A) and bidirectionally connected to module (1-C), with oximetry module (1-C) unidirectionally connected to block (1-A) and bidirectionally connected to processor (1-F), with image capturing block (1-D) equipped with web cam unidirectionally connected to block (1-A) and to processor (1-F), with viewing block (1-E) equipped with touchscreen display with virtual keyboard unidirectionally connected to block (1-A) and bidirectionally connected to processor (1-F) and to block (1-L), with processor (1-F) unidirectionally connected to block (1-A) and (1-D) and bidirectionally connected to memory (1-G) and to blocks (1-C), (1-D), (1-E), (1-H), (1-I), (1-J), (1-K) and (1-L), with memory (1-G) unidirectionally connected to block (1-A) and bidirectionally connected to processor (1-F), with communication block (1-H) equipped with Wi-Fi module bidirectionally connected to processor (1-F) and remotely communicating with cell phone (5), tablet (6) and printer (7), with communication block to USB-type digital medium (1-I) unidirectionally connected to block (1-A) and bidirectionally connected to processor (1-F), with Ethernet-type communication block (1-J) unidirectionally connected to block (1-A) and bidirectionally connected to processor (1-F), with RS232-type communication block (1-K) unidirectionally connected to block (1-A) and bidirectionally connected to processor (1-F), with Bluetooth®-equipped communication block (1-L) unidirectionally connected to block (1-A), bidirectionally connected to processor (1-F) and remotely, bidirectionally connected to cell phone (5), tablet (6) and printer (7), with introduced improvements, characterized as, dedicated software (DS) implemented in memory (1-G), georeference block (1-M) bidirectionally connected to processor (1-F), from pendrive (3) unidirectionally connected to communication block with digital medium (1-I), external HD (4) unidirectionally con-

nected to communication block with digital medium (1-I), from energy and supply assembly (E) equipped with DC02215V J4 connector, cable and power supply, plug (P) positioned at rear panel of the apparatus (1), internal and external connections (C) with magnets arranged into two rows at rear part of the apparatus (1), of "C"-shape metallic base (2) with two front flanges (2-A) and attachable by magnetism at the rear panel of the equipment.

2. "IMPROVEMENTS INTRODUCED TO ELECTRO-MEDICAL EQUIPMENT FOR AUTOMATED TRIAGE OF NEWBORN WITH POSSIBLE CONGENITAL HEART DEFECTS", according to claim 1, whereby, process executed by the dedicated software (DS) is performed in the following sequence:

- a) Start-up;
 - a1) Start screen;
 - a2) new examination ? if yes, go to b; if no, go to a3;
 - b) start examination;
 - b1) measure right hand;
 - b2) redo measurement ? if yes, return to b1; if no, go to b3;
 - b3) select right foot ? if no, go to b3a; if yes, go to b3b;
 - b3a) measure left foot and go to b4
 - b3b) measure right foot;
 - b4) finish examination;
 - b5) redo measurement ? if yes, return to b3; if no, go to b6;
 - b6) bind patient;
 - b7) patient registered ? if no, go to b7a; if yes, go to b7b;
 - b7a) register patients and go to b8;
 - b7b) list patients;
 - b7b1) select patient;
 - b8) save examination and go to d;
 - a3) list examinations? If yes, go to c; if no, return to a1;
 - c) show list of examinations;

- c1) share examinations ? if yes, go to c1b; if no, go to c1a;
- c1a) search examination ? if yes, return to c; if no, go to c1a1;
- c1a1) select examination and go to d;
- c1b) select type of sharing;
- c1b1) share examinations and return to c;
- d) calculate oximetry;
- dl) show report;
- d2) share report ? if yes, go to d2a; if no, go to e;
- d2a) select type of sharing;
- d2a1) share examination and return to dl;
- e) edit registry ? if yes, go to e1; if no, go to f;
- e1) show registration data;
- e2) edit registration data and go to dl; and
- f) go to start screen ? if yes, go to a1; if no, go to d1.

3. "IMPROVEMENTS INTRODUCED TO ELECTRO-MEDICAL EQUIPMENT FOR AUTOMATED TRIAGE OF NEWBORN WITH POSSIBLE CONGENITAL HEART DEFECTS", according to claim 1, whereby, correction of ongoing examination that enable redoing only a part of the examination.

4. "IMPROVEMENTS INTRODUCED TO ELECTRO-MEDICAL EQUIPMENT FOR AUTOMATED TRIAGE OF NEWBORN WITH POSSIBLE CONGENITAL HEART DEFECTS", according to claim 1, whereby, provides configuration screen for selecting the examination times.

5. "IMPROVEMENTS INTRODUCED TO ELECTRO-MEDICAL EQUIPMENT FOR AUTOMATED TRIAGE OF NEWBORN WITH POSSIBLE CONGENITAL HEART DEFECTS", according to claim 1, whereby, provides algorithm that filters the patient movements, thus eliminating noises.

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摘要(译)

本专利涉及在电子医疗设备中引入的改进，应用于新生婴儿的自动分类，目的是通过少量心脏测试，通过植入记忆中的专用软件（DS）来检测可能的先天性心脏缺陷（1-G），地理配准块（1-M），pendrive（3），外部HD（4），能源和供应组件（E）提供DC02215V J4连接器，电缆和电源，插头（P）位于设备后面板（1），内部和外部连接（C），磁铁排列成两排设备的后部（1），“C”形金属底座（2），带有两个前法兰（2-A），旨在增加用户数量，增加测试协议的灵活性，改变可用性，以最大限度地减少错误，带来更高的测试速度，改善与用户的接口，更好的测量质量，更低的成本，更高的使用多功能性和光重量更轻，设备尺寸更小。

