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(54) **Laparoscopic ultrasound robotic surgical system**

(57) A LUS robotic surgical system is trainable by a surgeon to automatically move a LUS probe in a desired fashion upon command so that the surgeon does not have to do so manually during a minimally invasive surgical procedure. A sequence of 2D ultrasound image slices captured by the LUS probe according to stored instructions are processable into a 3D ultrasound computer model of an anatomic structure, which may be displayed as a 3D or 2D overlay to a camera view or in a PIP as selected by the surgeon or programmed to assist the surgeon in inspecting an anatomic structure for abnormalities. Virtual fixtures are definable so as to assist the surgeon in accurately guiding a tool to a target on the displayed ultrasound image.

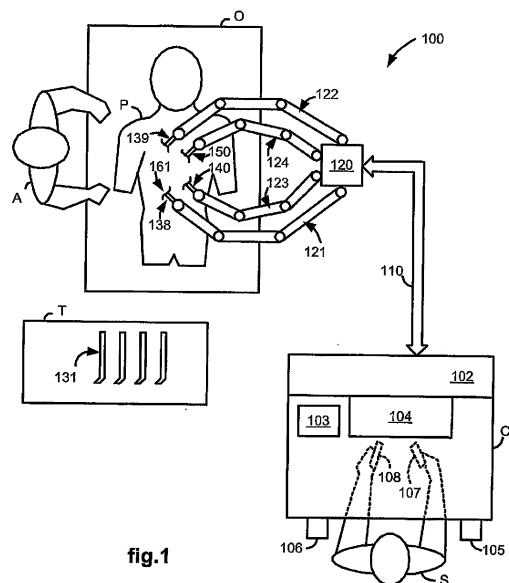


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摘要(译)

LUS机器人手术系统可由外科医生训练, 以在命令时以期望的方式自动移动LUS探针, 使得外科医生在微创外科手术期间不必手动操作。由LUS探针根据存储的指令捕获的2D超声图像切片序列可处理成解剖结构的3D超声计算机模型, 其可以显示为相机视图的3D或2D覆盖或者通过选择的PIP显示。外科医生或编程以协助外科医生检查解剖结构的异常情况。虚拟固定装置是可定义的, 以便帮助外科医生将工具准确地引导到所显示的超声图像上的目标。

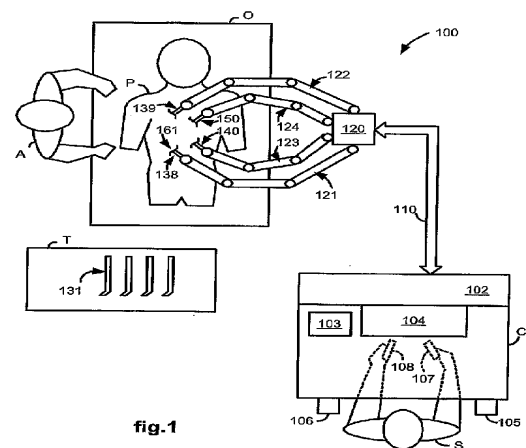


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