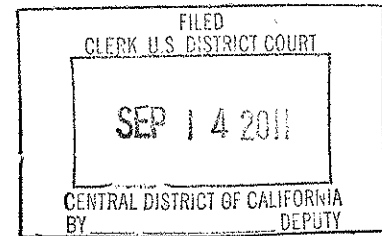


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CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA – WESTERN DIVISION

CV11-07591MMM(FMOx)

Case No. ..

**COMPLAINT FOR PATENT
INFRINGEMENT**

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

NEUROGRAFIX, a California
corporation; NEUROGRAPHY
INSTITUTE MEDICAL
ASSOCIATES, INC., a California
corporation; IMAGE-BASED
SURGICENTER CORPORATION, a
California corporation;
WASHINGTON RESEARCH
FOUNDATION, a not-for-profit
Washington corporation,

vs.

THE REGENTS OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

1 Plaintiffs NeuroGrafix and Washington Research Foundation ("WRF")
2 (collectively, "Plaintiffs") allege as follows:

3 1. This case is an action for patent infringement of United States Patent
4 No. 5,560,360 (the "'360 Patent") under the Patent Laws of the United States, as set
5 forth in 35 U.S.C. §§271 and 280 through 285.

6 **PARTIES**

7 2. Plaintiff NeuroGrafix is a California corporation with its principal
8 place of business located at 2716 Ocean Park Boulevard, Suite 3075, Santa
9 Monica, California.

10 3. Plaintiff Neurography Institute Medical Associates, Inc. ("NIMA") is
11 a California corporation with its principal place of business in Santa Monica,
12 California.

13 4. Plaintiff Image-Based Surgicenter Corporation ("IBSC") is a
14 California corporation with its principal place of business in Santa Monica,
15 California.

16 5. Plaintiff WRF is a not-for-profit corporation incorporated and existing
17 under the laws of the State of Washington.

18 6. On information and belief, defendant The Regents of the University of
19 California ("The Regents") is a public corporation and agency of the State of
20 California. The Regents is a 26-member board, established under Article IX,
21 Section 9 of the California Constitution, which governs the University of
22 California.

23 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

24 7. This Court has federal subject matter jurisdiction over this action
25 under 28 U.S.C. §§1331, 1332(a)(1), 1332(c)(1) and 1338(a).

26 8. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§1391(a),
27 1391(c), and 1400(b), including without limitation because Defendant is
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1 advertising, marketing, using, selling, and/or offering to sell products in this
2 Judicial District.

3 9. On May 12, 2011, The Regents entered into a stipulation wherein The
4 Regents waived their sovereign immunity as to the patent infringement cause of
5 action contained in this case. The Stipulation is attached to this Complaint as
6 Exhibit A.

7 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT**

8 10. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege the allegations contained in paragraphs 1
9 through 6 above, inclusive, as if fully repeated and restated herein.

10 11. The University of Washington, a public institution of higher education
11 in the state of Washington, is the owner by assignment of the '360 Patent entitled
12 "Image Neurography and Diffusion Anisotropy Imaging." The '360 Patent issued
13 on October 1, 1999. A true and correct copy of the '360 Patent is attached as
14 Exhibit B.

15 12. Aaron G. Filler, Jay S. Tsurda, Todd L. Richards, and Franklyn A.
16 Howe are listed as the inventors of the '360 Patent.

17 13. WRF holds substantially all rights in the '360 Patent and has
18 exclusively licensed substantially all rights in the '360 Patent to NeuroGrafix in
19 December of 1998, retaining only certain potential reversion rights.

20 14. The Regents received notice of the '360 Patent by as late as November
21 1996. In 1995, inventor Aaron Filler joined the University of California – Los
22 Angeles ("UCLA") as a Spine Fellow and continued his prior research and
23 development in the field of neural tract imaging. In July of 1996, Dr. Filler
24 became an Assistant Professor in Neurosurgery at UCLA. In October of 1996, the
25 United States Patent Office ("USPTO") granted the '360 Patent. After the '360
26 Patent issued, Dr. Filler used the technology of the '360 Patent while at UCLA, and
27 The Regents was aware of this fact.
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1 15. While at UCLA, Dr. Filler continued research and development,
2 carefully recording and publishing academic peer reviewed reports based on all
3 imaging cases performed. However, Neil Martin – then the acting chairman of the
4 Division of Neurosurgery at the University of California – took a firm position that
5 the advances and developments in the '360 Patent did not merit further
6 development by Dr. Filler. This led Dr. Filler to depart from the faculty UCLA
7 and commence a private practice of medicine in May of 2001 to better assure the
8 development of these technologies for the common good of patients throughout the
9 world.

10 16. Just prior to his departure from UCLA, in March 2001, the Office of
11 the President of the University of California required Dr. Filler to assign another
12 invention to the Regents. This invention – later granted at United States Patent No.
13 6,560,477 for magnetic resonance imaging of joints – cites the '360 Patent on its
14 cover page. The Regents therefore have been aware of the '360 Patent since March
15 2001.

16 17. Upon information and belief, after the departure of Dr. Filler, The
17 Regents did not use the technology of the '360 Patent until January 2008.

18 18. Upon information and belief, The Regents have been and now are
19 directly, jointly and/or indirectly infringing, by way of inducing infringement
20 and/or contributing to the infringement of the '360 Patent in the State of California,
21 in this judicial district, and elsewhere in the United States by, among other things,
22 advertising, marketing, using, selling, and/or offering to sell products and services,
23 including without limitation, the performance of and provision of equipment and
24 methods for peripheral nerve MR Neurography and diffusion anisotropy based
25 tractography. By making, using, importing, offering for sale, and/or selling such
26 products, The Regents have injured the Plaintiffs and are thus liable to the
27 Plaintiffs for infringement of the '360 Patent under 35 U.S.C. § 271. If The
28 Regents are not deemed to directly infringe any of the claims of the '360 Patent,

1 those who The Regents induce to infringe and/or whose infringement to which The
2 Regents contribute are the end users of the above-referenced products and services.

3 19. The Regents knowingly, willfully, and deliberately infringed and, on
4 information and belief, continue to infringe the '360 Patent in conscious disregard
5 of Plaintiffs' rights, making this case exceptional within the meaning of 35 U.S.C.
6 § 285 and justifying treble damages pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 284.

7 20. As a result of The Regents infringement of the '360 Patent, Plaintiffs
8 have suffered monetary damages in an amount not yet determined, and will
9 continue to suffer damages in the future unless The Regents' infringing activities
10 are enjoined by this Court.

11 21. The Regents' wrongful acts have damaged and will continue to
12 damage Plaintiffs irreparably, and Plaintiffs have no adequate remedy at law for
13 those wrongs and injuries. In addition to their actual damages, Plaintiffs are
14 entitled to a preliminary and permanent injunction restraining and enjoining The
15 Regents and their agents, servants and employees, and all persons acting
16 thereunder, in concert with, or on their behalf, from infringing the '360 Patent.

17 PRAYER FOR RELIEF

18 WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs respectfully request that this Court enter:

19 1. A judgment in favor of Plaintiffs that The Regents have infringed,
20 directly and/or indirectly, by way of inducing and/or contributing to the
21 infringement of the '360 Patent;

22 2. An injunction enjoining The Regents and their officers, directors,
23 agents, servants, affiliates, employees, divisions, branches, subsidiaries, parents,
24 and all others acting in concert or privity with any of them from infringing,
25 inducing the infringement of, or contributing to the infringement of the '360 Patent;

26 3. A judgment and order requiring The Regents to pay Plaintiffs their
27 damages, costs, expenses, and prejudgment and post-judgment interest for The
28 Regents' infringement of the '360 Patent as provided under 35 U.S.C. § 284;

4. An award to Plaintiffs for enhanced damages, as provided under 35 U.S.C. § 284, resulting from the knowing, deliberate, and willful nature of The Regents' prohibited conduct;

5. A judgment and order finding that this is an exceptional case within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 285 and awarding to Plaintiffs their reasonable attorneys' fees; and

6. Any and all other relief to which Plaintiffs may show themselves to be entitled.

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

Plaintiffs hereby demand a trial by jury of all issues so triable.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: September 14, 2011

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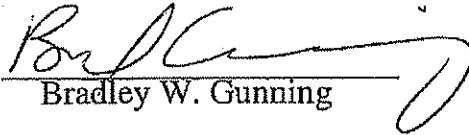
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1. TO THE CLERK: Please **dismiss** this action as follows:
- a. (1) ☐ With prejudice (2) ☒ Without prejudice
- b. (1) ☐ Complaint (2) ☐ Petition
- (3) ☐ Cross-complaint filed by (name): _____ on (date): _____
- (4) ☐ Cross-complaint filed by (name): _____ on (date): _____
- (5) ☒ Entire action of all parties and all causes of action
- (6) ☒ Other (specify):* Dismissal pursuant to Stipulation and Voluntary Dismissal Without Prejudice

- 2. (Complete in all cases except family law cases.)**

☐ Court fees and costs were waived for a party in this case. (This information may be obtained from the clerk. If this box is checked, the declaration on the back of this form must be completed).

Date: May 12, 2011

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(TYPE OR PRINT NAME OF ☒ ATTORNEY ☐ PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY)

*If dismissal requested is of specified parties only of specified causes of action only, or of specified cross-complaints only, so state and identify the parties, causes of action, or cross-complaints to be dismissed.

▶ Carolyn Chang 1220
(SIGNATURE)

Attorney or party without attorney for:

☐ Plaintiff/Petitioner ☒ Defendant/Respondent
☐ Cross-Complainant

3. TO THE CLERK: Consent to the above dismissal is hereby given.**

Date:

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**** If a cross-complaint – or Response (Family Law) seeking affirmative relief – is on file, the attorney for cross-complainant (respondent) must sign this consent if required by Code of Civil Procedure section 581 (j) or (l).**

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4. ☐ Dismissal entered as requested on (date): _____
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REQUEST FOR DISMISSAL

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SURGICENTER; INSTITUTE FOR NERVE
19 MEDICINE MEDICAL GROUP; CENTER
FOR ADVANCED SPINAL
20 NEUROSURGERY MEDICAL GROUP;
NEUROGRAPHY INSTITUTE MEDICAL
21 ASSOCIATES,

22 Plaintiffs,

23 v.

24 The REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF
CALIFORNIA; NEIL MARTIN, CHAIRMAN
25 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
NEUROSURGERY, UCLA; DOES 1-20,

26 Defendants.
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Case No. BC 447518

The Honorable Judge Shook, Dept. 53

**STIPULATION AND VOLUNTARY
DISMISSAL WITHOUT PREJUDICE**

Complaint Filed: Oct. 15, 2010

1 WHEREAS, on October 15, 2010, Plaintiffs filed the above-referenced lawsuit against
 2 Defendants The Regents of the University of California ("The Regents"), Dr. Neil Martin ("Dr.
 3 Martin"), and DOES 1-20 for Inverse Condemnation; Denial of Due Process; Denial of Equal
 4 Protection; Trespass to Chattels; Conversion; Unjust Enrichment; Misappropriation; Unfair
 5 Competition; and Negligence in connection with The Regents' and Dr. Martin's alleged use of
 6 Neurography, including magnetic resonance neurography, diffusion weighted neurography, and
 7 diffusion tensor imaging;

8 WHEREAS, in exchange for dismissal of these claims and an agreement not to pursue
 9 these or any other state law claims against The Regents, Dr. Martin, or any other agent or
 10 employee of The Regents relating to their alleged use of Neurography, including magnetic
 11 resonance neurography, diffusion weighted neurography, and diffusion tensor imaging, The
 12 Regents agree to waive Eleventh Amendment sovereign immunity in federal court only with
 13 respect to a claim for infringement of U.S. Patent No. 5,560,360;

14 NOW THEREFORE, THE PARTIES, BY COUNSEL, HEREBY STIPULATE:

15 1. Plaintiffs agree to voluntarily dismiss Case No. BC 447518 ("Action") without
 16 prejudice, with each party to bear its own litigation costs and attorneys' fees related to the Action,
 17 the dismissal to be filed concurrently herewith;

18 2. Plaintiffs agree they will not assert against The Regents, Dr. Martin, and/or any
 19 other agent or employee of The Regents in any state or federal court any state law claims based
 20 on the alleged use of Neurography, including magnetic resonance neurography, diffusion
 21 weighted neurography, and diffusion tensor imaging by The Regents, Dr. Martin, and or any
 22 other agent or employee of The Regents; and

23 3. In exchange for Plaintiffs' agreement in paragraph 2 above, The Regents agree to
 24 waive sovereign immunity, whether pursuant to the Eleventh Amendment, inherent, or otherwise,
 25 and expressly consent to being sued, only with respect to a claim for infringement of U.S. Patent
 26 No. 5,560,360 that is filed within 90 days of dismissal of this Action. Except as expressly waived
 27 in this Stipulation, The Regents, Dr. Martin, and/or any other agent or employee of The Regents
 28 reserve all rights and defenses.

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4 Dated: May __, 2011

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6 By: _____

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1 [PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING STIPULATION AND VOLUNTARY DISMISSAL

2 Upon presentation of the Stipulation and Voluntary Dismissal, it is hereby ordered that:

3 1. This Action is hereby dismissed without prejudice.

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5 DATED: _____, 2011

6 THE HONORABLE JOHN P. SHOOK
7 JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

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PROOF OF SERVICE

The undersigned declares as follows:

I am a citizen of the United States and employed in San Francisco County, State of California. I am over the age of eighteen years and not a party to the within-entitled action. My business address is Fenwick & West LLP, 555 California Street, 12th Floor, San Francisco, California 94104. On the date set forth below, I served a copy of the following document:

REQUEST FOR DISMISSAL

on the interested party in the subject action by placing a true copy thereof as indicated below, addressed as follows:

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Date: May 13, 2011


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United States Patent [19]

Filler et al.

[11] **Patent Number:** 5,560,360[45] **Date of Patent:** Oct. 1, 1996[54] **IMAGE NEUROGRAPHY AND DIFFUSION ANISOTROPY IMAGING**

[75] Inventors: Aaron G. Filler, Seattle; Jay S. Tsurda, Mercer Island; Todd L. Richards, Seattle, all of Wash.; Franklyn A. Howe, London, England

[73] Assignee: University of Washington, Seattle, Wash.

[21] Appl. No.: 28,795

[22] Filed: Mar. 8, 1993

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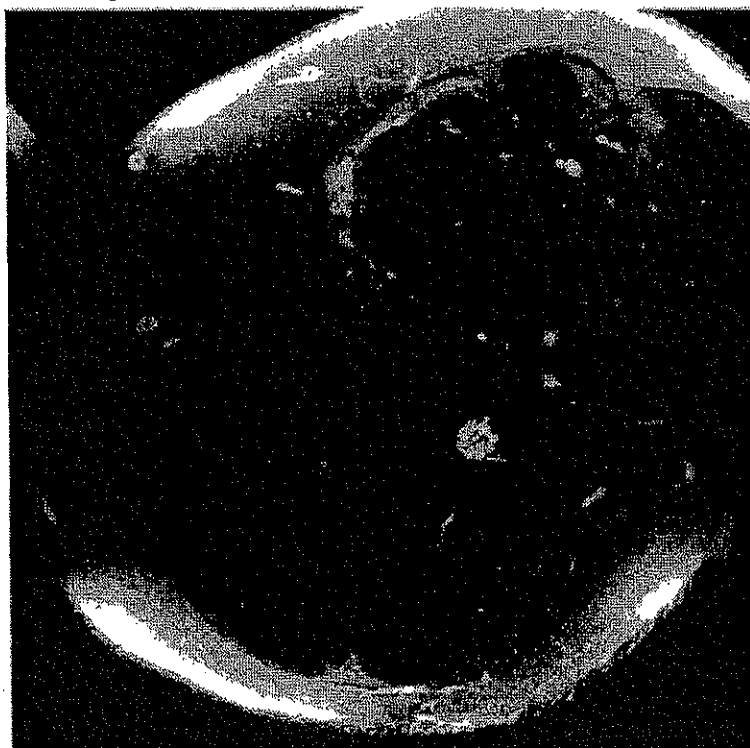
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ABSTRACT

A neurography system (10) is disclosed for generating diagnostically useful images of neural tissue (i.e., neurograms) employing a modified magnetic resonance imaging system (14). In one embodiment, the neurography system selectively images neural tissue by employing one or more gradients to discriminate diffusion anisotropy in the tissue and further enhances the image by suppressing the contribution of fat to the image. The neurography system is part of a broader medical system (12), which may include an auxiliary data collection system (22), diagnostic system (24), therapeutic system (26), surgical system (28), and training system (30). These various systems are all constructed to take advantage of the information provided by the neurography system regarding neural networks, which information was heretofore unavailable.

66 Claims, 17 Drawing Sheets

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Fig. 12.



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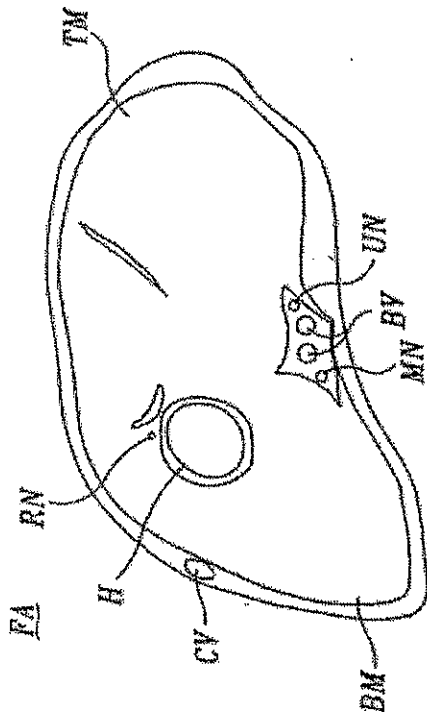


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Fig. 2B.



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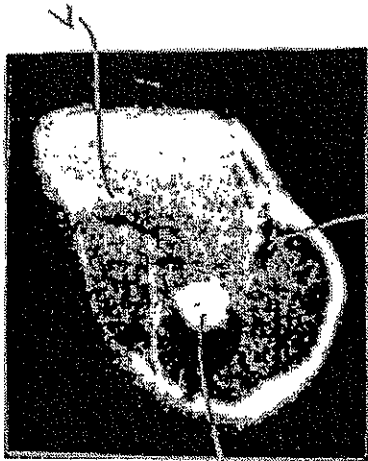


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Fig. 5A.



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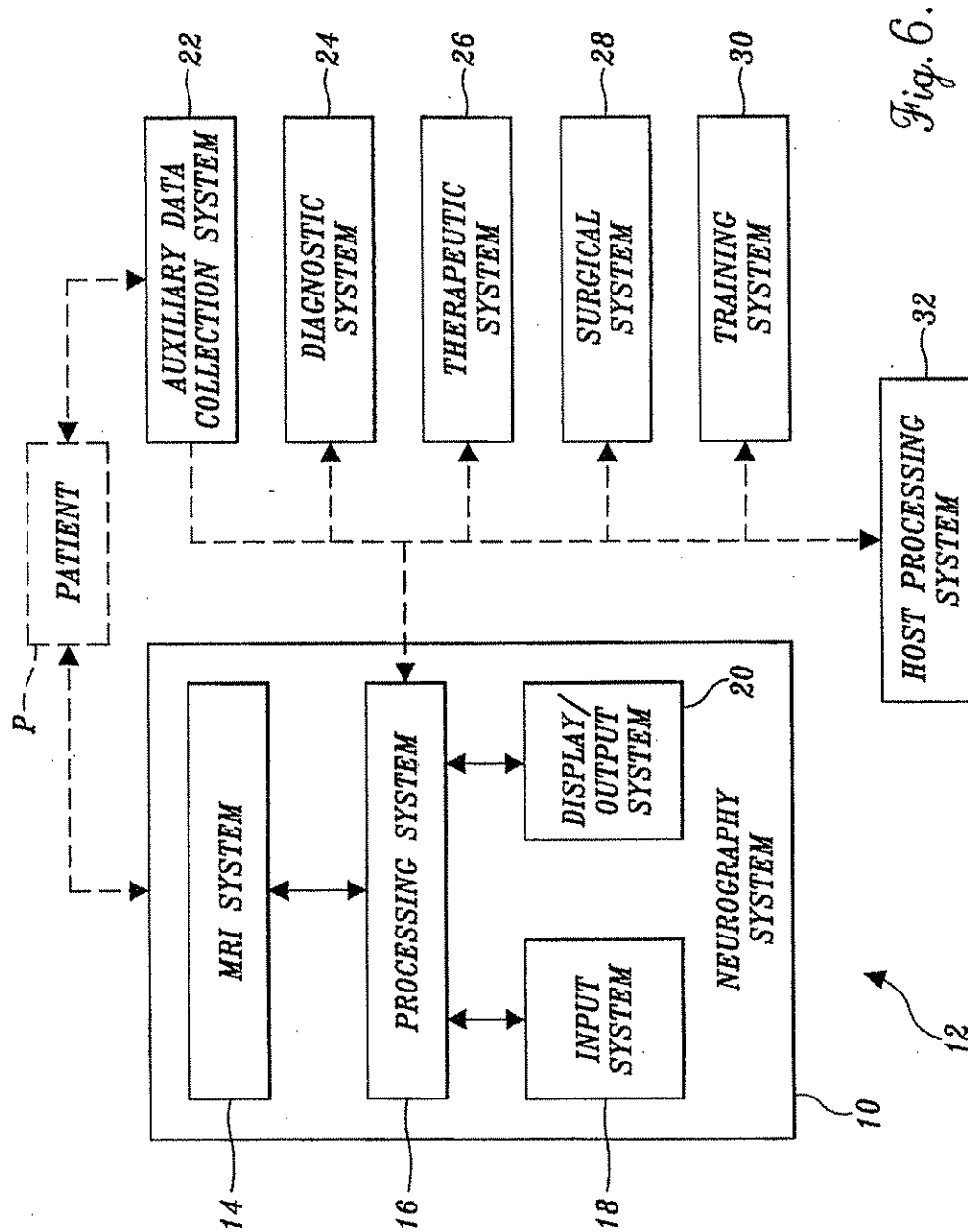
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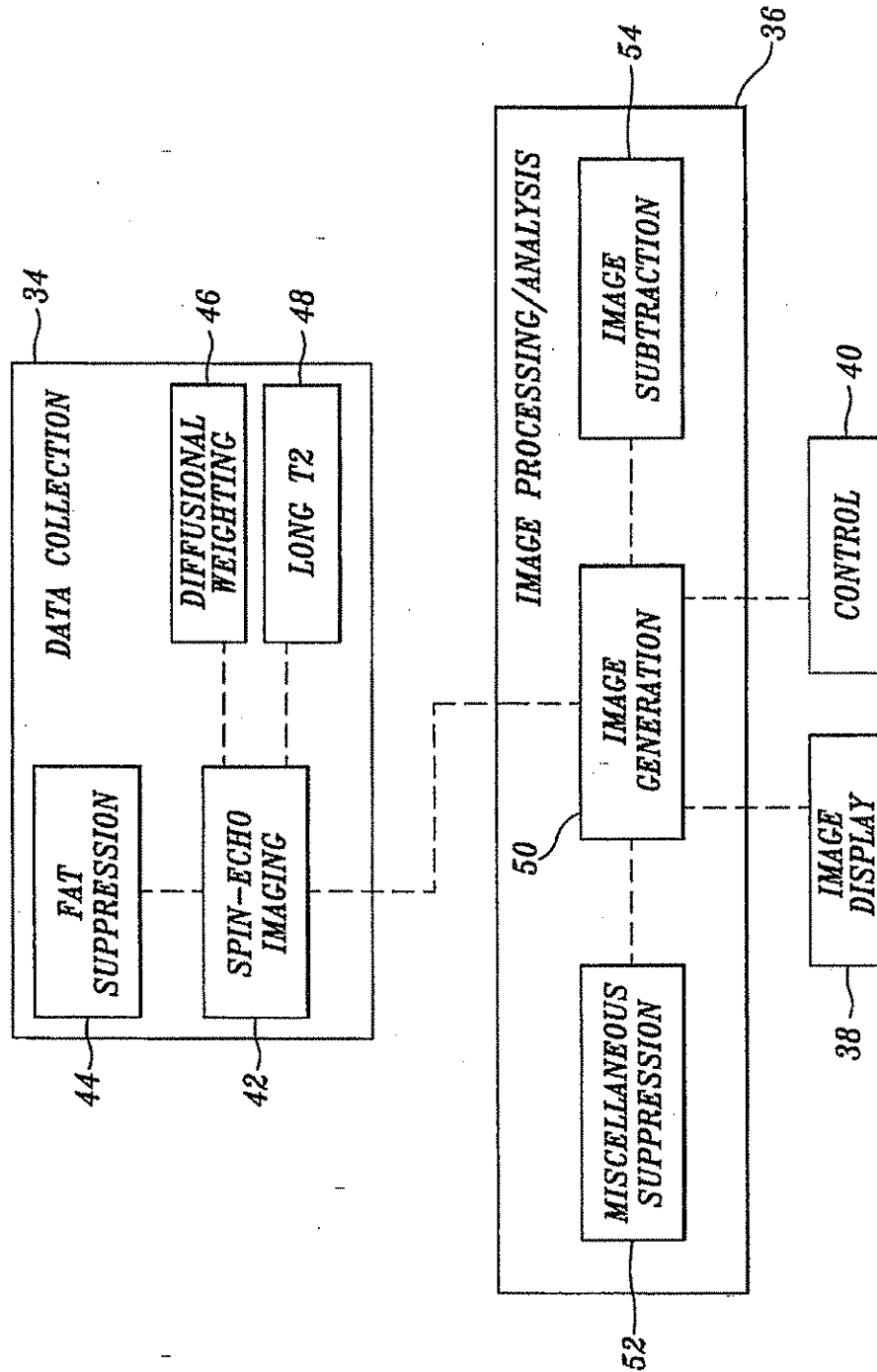


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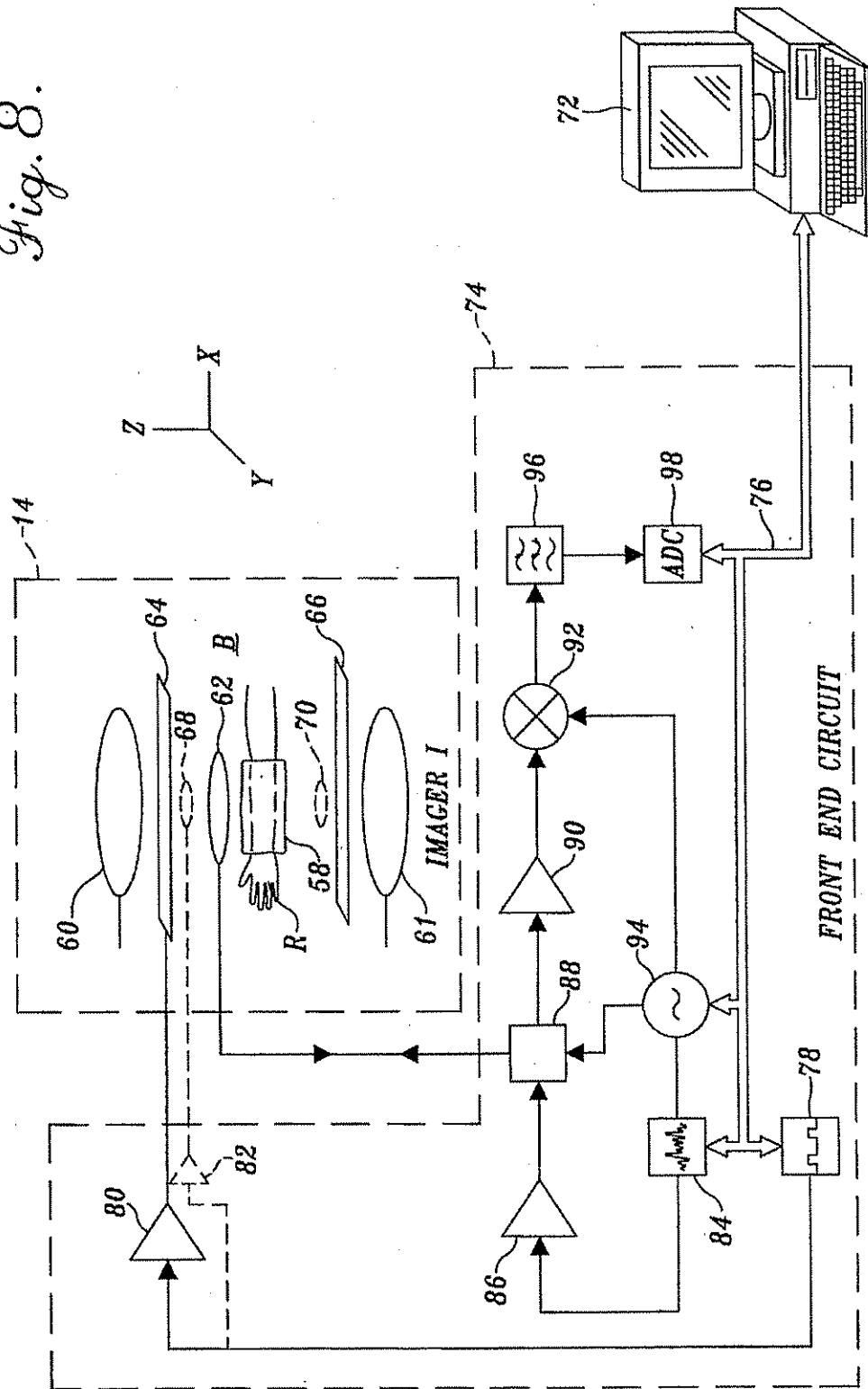
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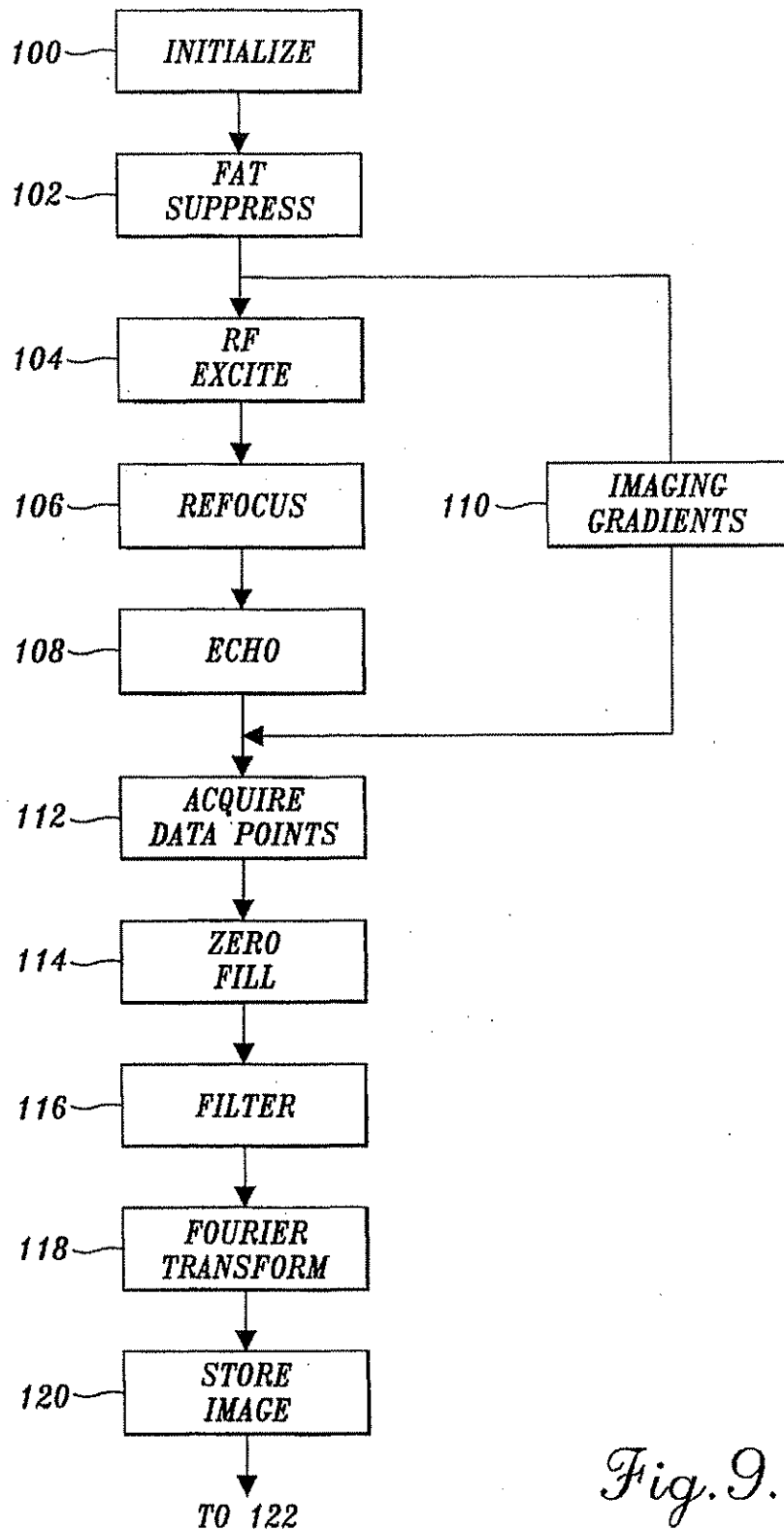


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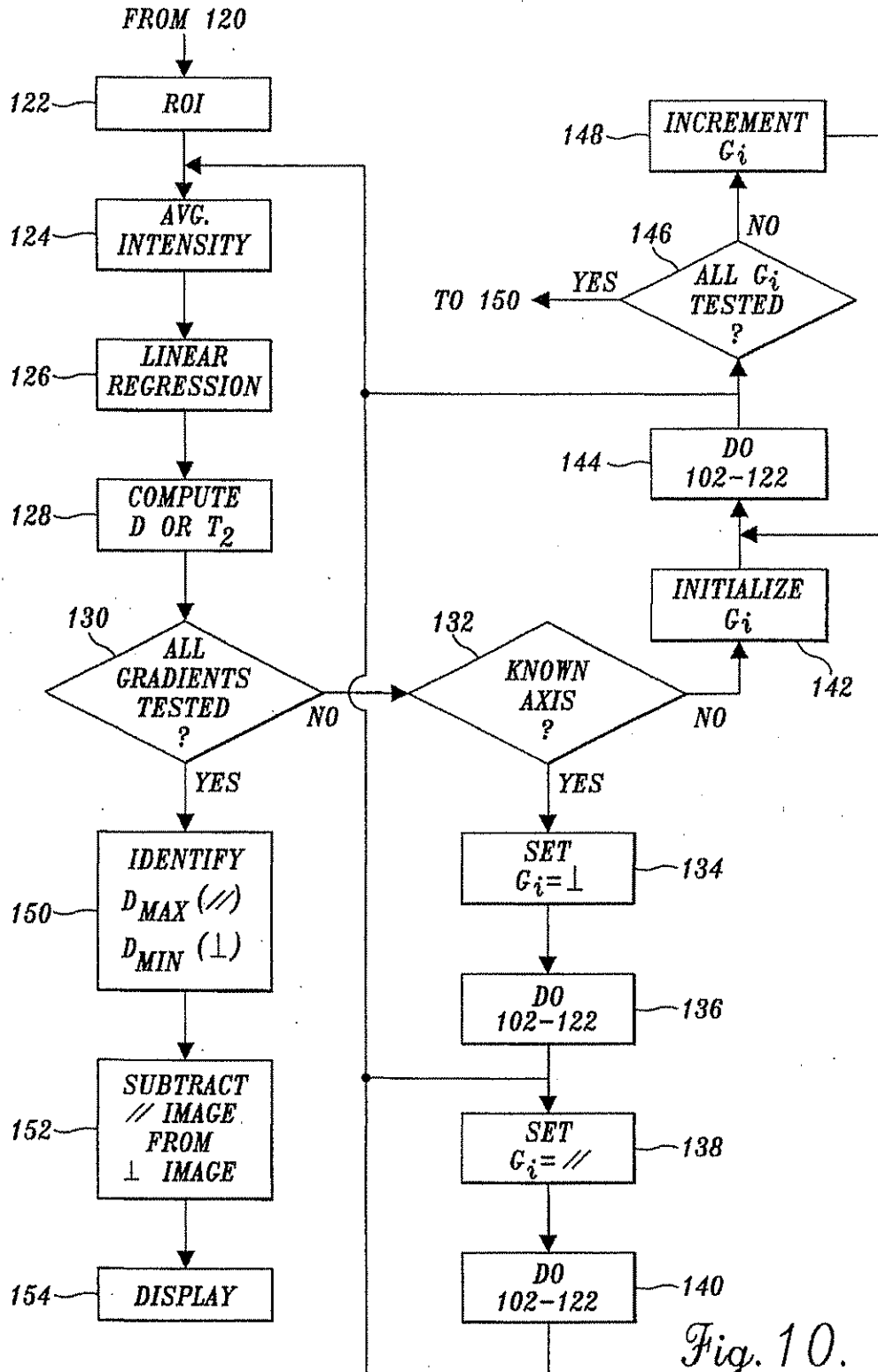
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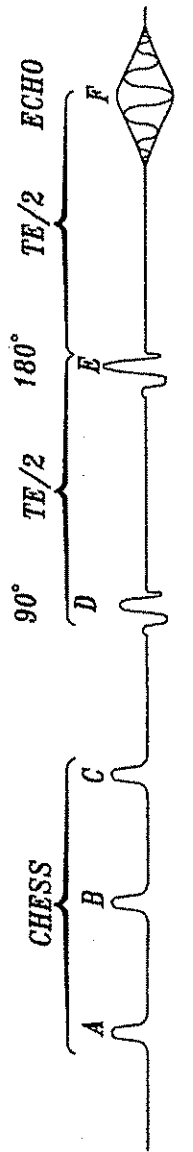
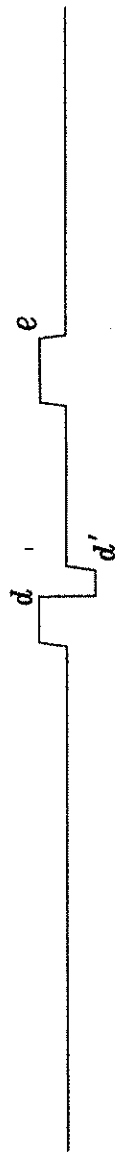
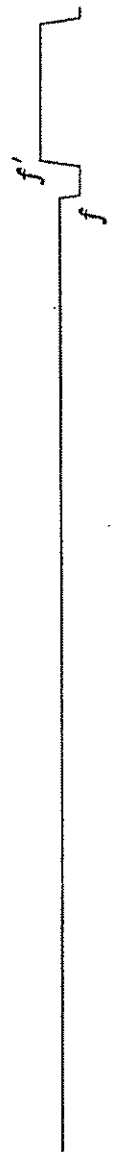
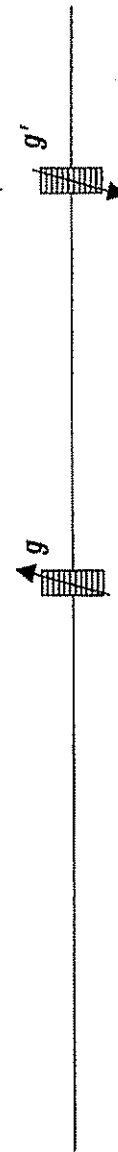
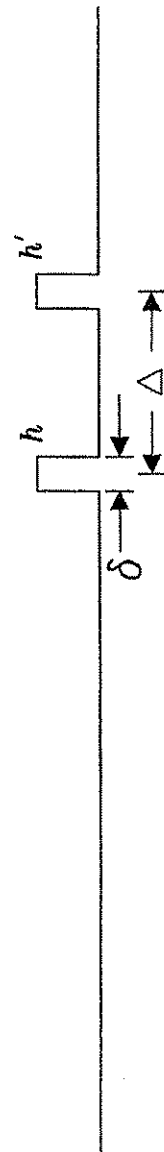


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Fig. 14B.



Fig. 14A.

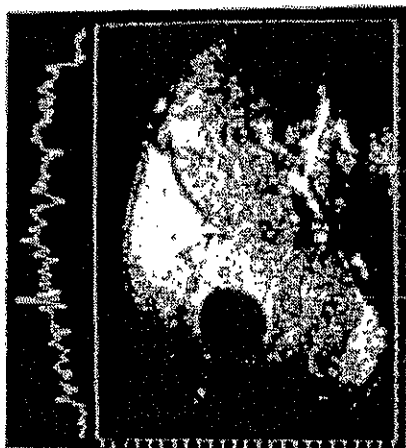


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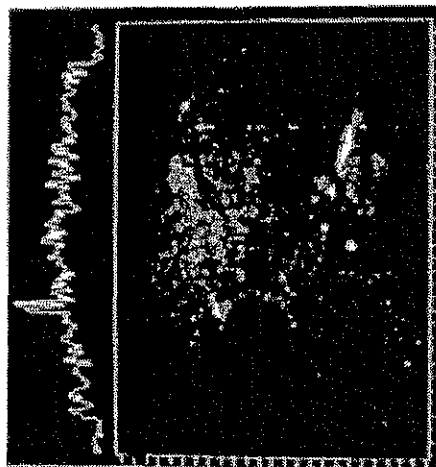


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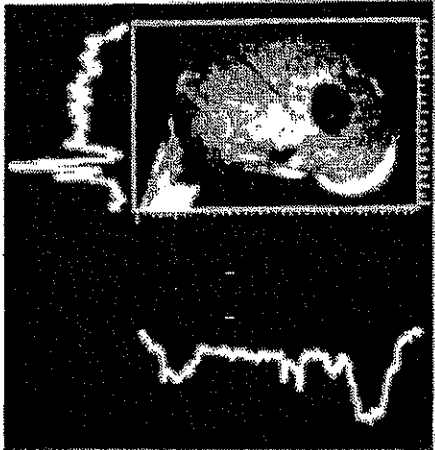


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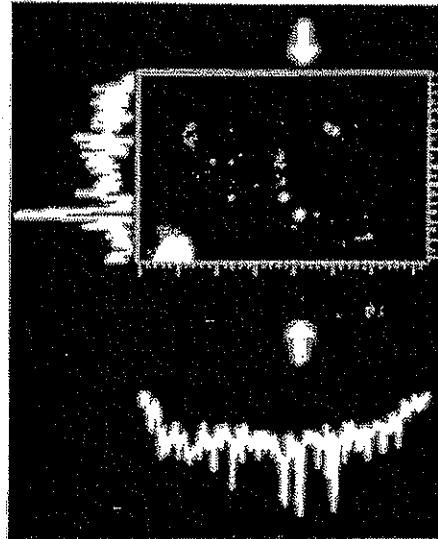


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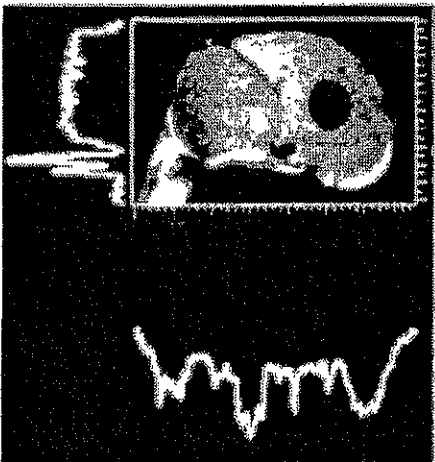


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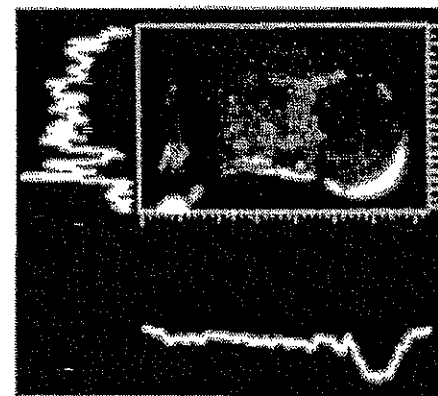


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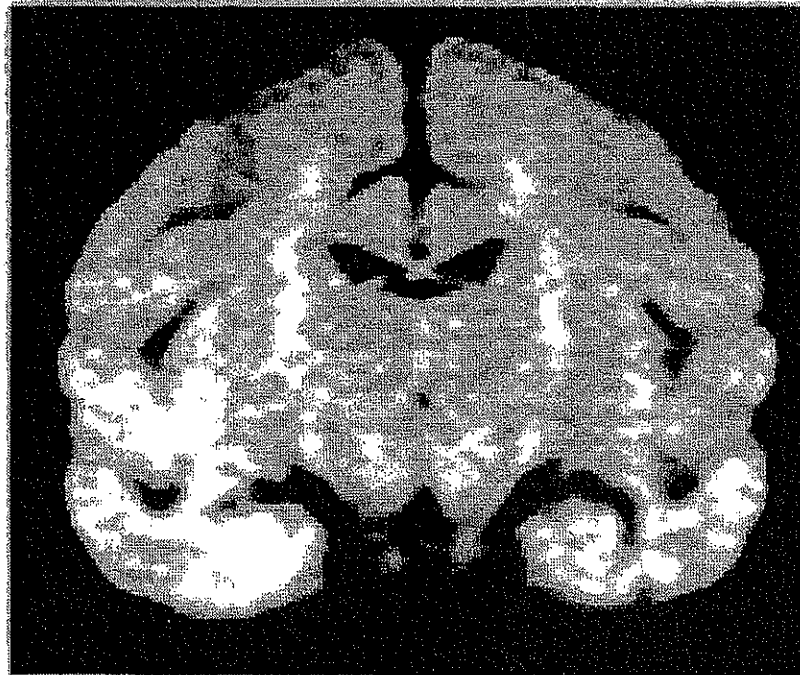


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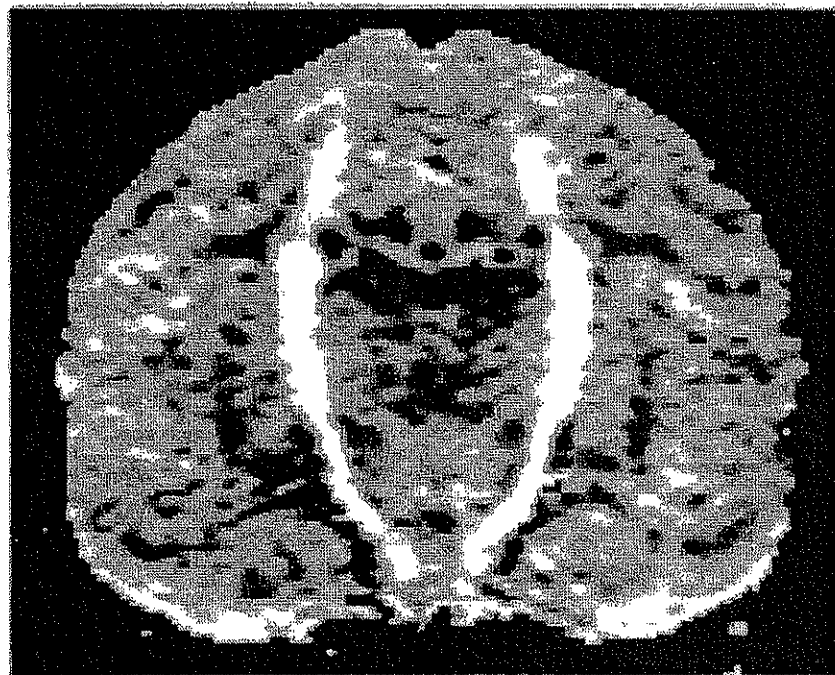


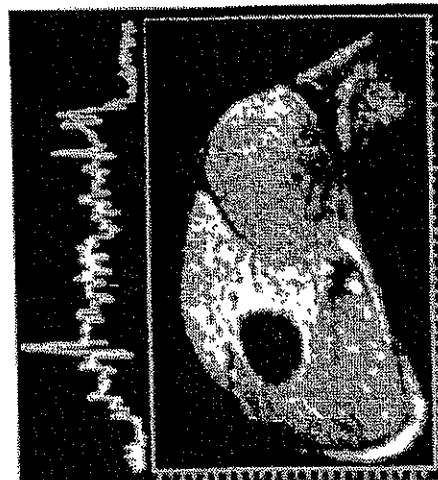
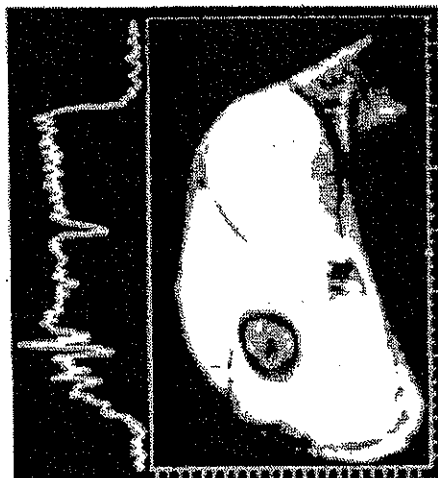
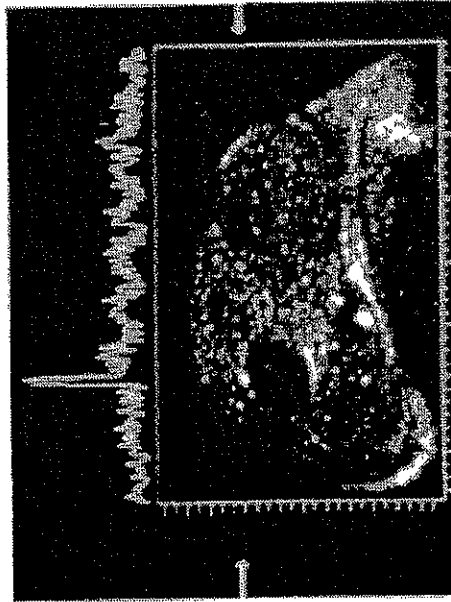
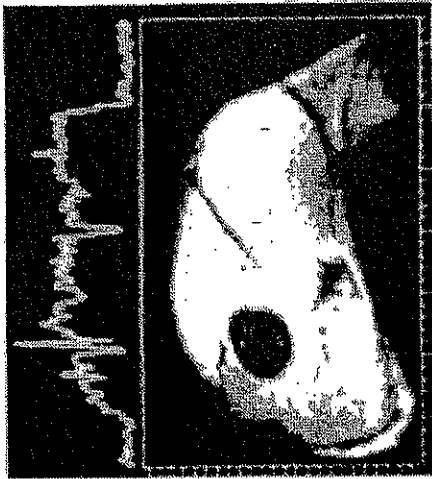
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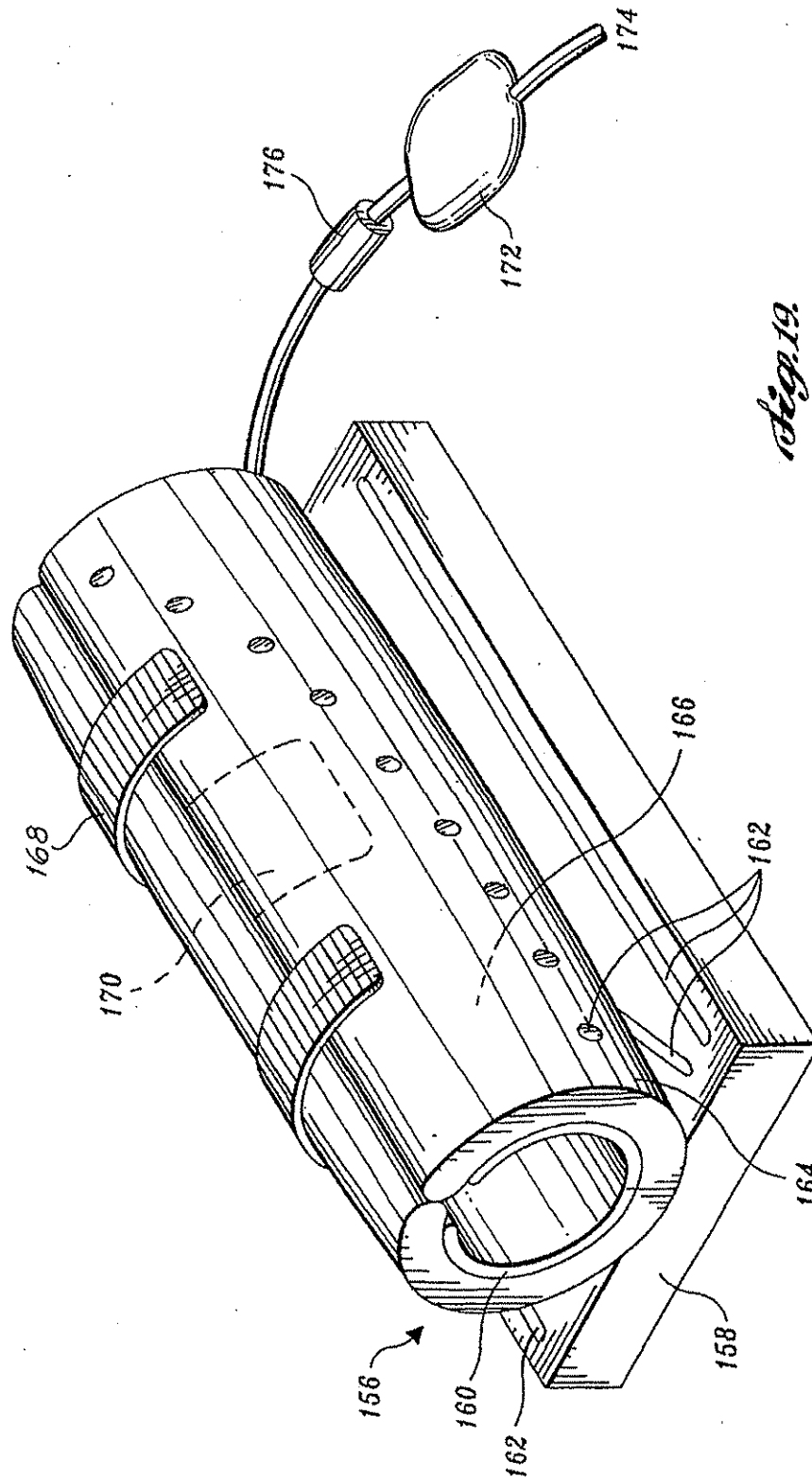


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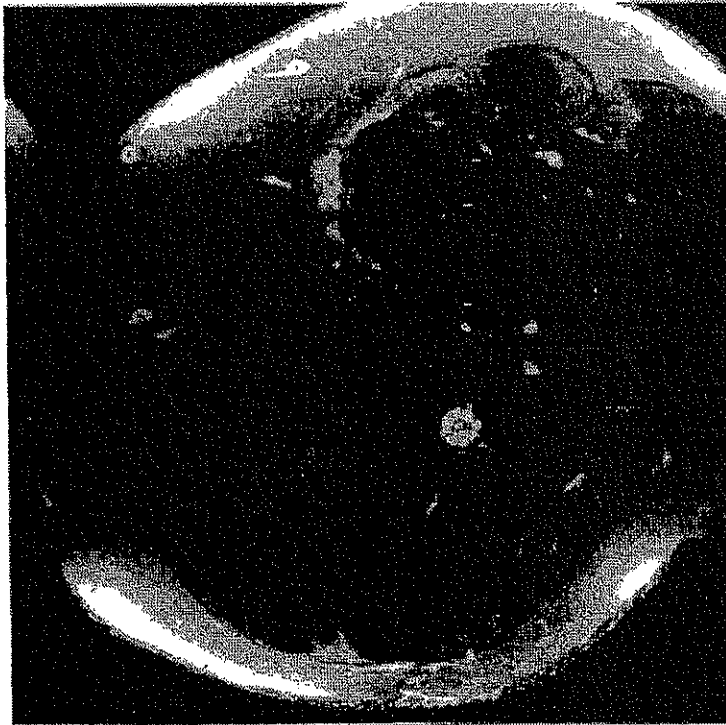


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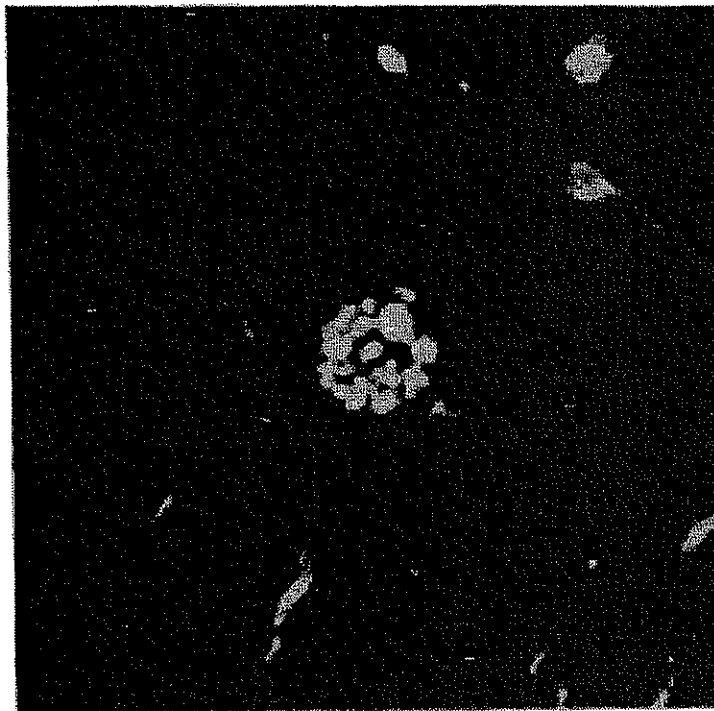


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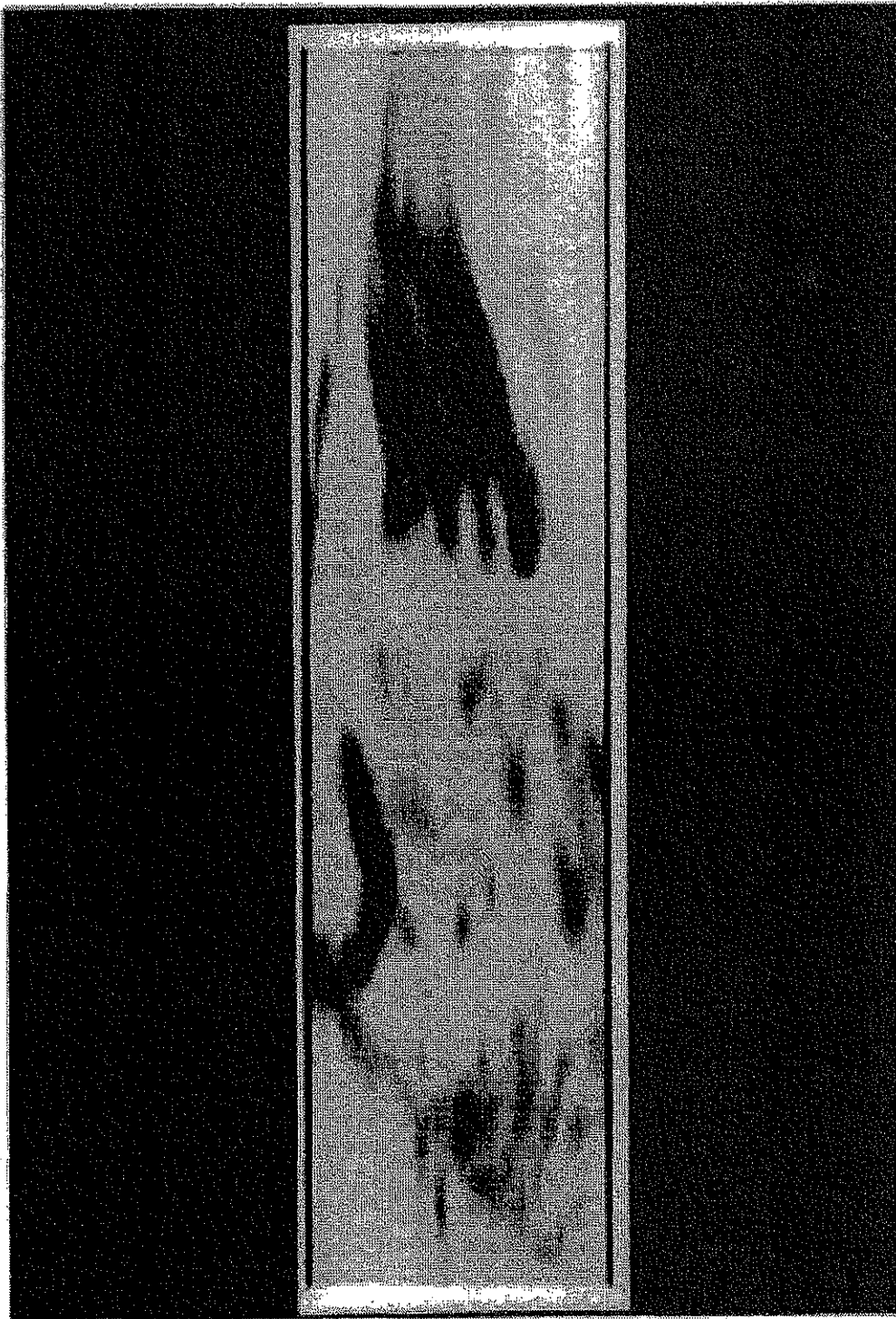


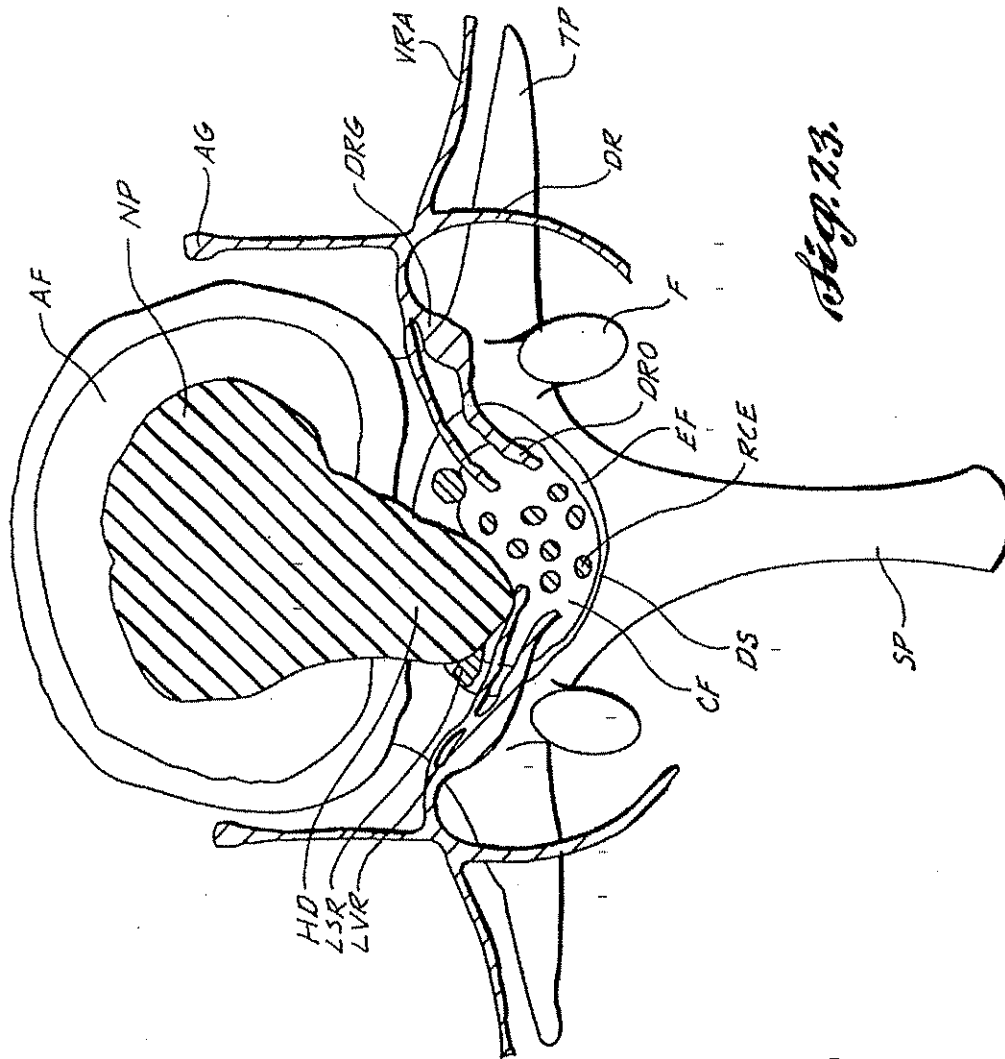
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