Novel Surgical Navigator for Endoscopic Surgery

About Us

This surgical navigator has been developed in collaboration with the following companies/institute and supported by grants from the Japanese Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) and from the Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST).

- Nagashima Medical Instruments Co., Ltd. (Manufacture and sale)
- Amelio Incorporated (3D software)
- Pulstec Industrial Co., Ltd. (3D scanner)
- Zodiac Co., Ltd. (3D data generation)
- NST Co., Ltd. (Controller, Robot Arm)
- Hamamatsu University School of Medicine

Basic Patents

(1) SURGERY SUPPORT DEVICE, METHOD, AND PROGRAM
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(2) DEVICE FOR DISPLAYING ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR SURGICAL OPERATION, METHOD FOR DISPLAYING ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR SURGICAL OPERATION, AND PROGRAM FOR DISPLAYING ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR SURGICAL OPERATION
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We need business partners

In May, 2012, Nagashima Medical Instruments Co., Ltd will release our surgical navigator for an endoscopic sinus surgery in Japan. For the global sales, we are looking for the companies that:

- manufacture and/or sale of the surgical navigator for ESS outside Japan,
- be licensed our technologies of the surgical navigator except for Japan,
- collaborate on research for developing another surgical navigator.

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Easy Handling and Great Advantages!

- A completely frameless and markerless system
- Semi-automatic registration without direct contact with patients
- Updated registration and tracking information when patients move
- Navigation indicating the location of the center in an endoscopic view
We have developed a new surgical navigator based on 3D measurements.

To acquire the 3D data for registering patients’ images and tracking surgical instruments, we used a white light scanner. Projecting a modulated striped pattern using a xenon lamp, our surface scanner captures the 3D data within 0.6 seconds with high resolution (0.1 mm in the Z-axis and 0.6 mm in the X- and Y-axes) and high accuracy (<0.3 mm).

With a special software, semi-automatic registration (average error, <0.5 mm) is performed, and updated registration and tracking information are achieved without any references such as headgears with markers. The total accuracy of our navigator is < 2 mm.

Schematic Presentation of Navigator

1. Registration: Put the patient position on the coordinates of preoperative CT scan.

2. The scanner captures the surgical instrument 3D data with spherical markers and the data of the patient’s face simultaneously on demand.

3. The position of the patient is compared with that at the previous measurement, and the registration is updated.

4. The position of the instrument is calculated and presented on the CT images.

We have also developed another new system by modifying our above-mentioned navigator.

The position and the direction of rays in an endoscope with spherical markers are calculated based on the data obtained with the white light scanner, and the position of the center in the endoscopic view is demonstrated on the CT images.

Details of Our Surgical Navigator

White Light Scanner (Pulstec Industrial Co., Ltd.)

Our scanner can capture the surface 3D data, projecting a modulated striped pattern using a xenon lamp within 0.6 seconds.

Resolution: 0.1 mm in Z-axis
0.6 mm in X- and Y-axes
Accuracy: <0.3 mm

Up-dated Registration and Tracking Information

The position of the patient is compared with that at the previous measurement, the registration is updated, and, then, the position of the instrument is calculated and presented on the CT images within 1 second.

Accuracy: < 2 mm

Registration

We can register scanned 3D surface data of a patient’s face onto the corresponding surface extracted from CT within 1 second.

Average error: < 0.5 mm

Endoscopic sinus surgery (ESS) has been widely used for patients with sinusitis, nasal polyps, tumors, and similar problems. While complications are fewer with ESS than with the more invasive traditional surgeries, some serious complications remain, including blindness, double vision, and massive bleeding.

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