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[54] **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMPEDANCE BASED AUTOMATIC PULSE DURATION ADJUSTMENT FOR DEFIBRILLATION SHOCK DELIVERY**

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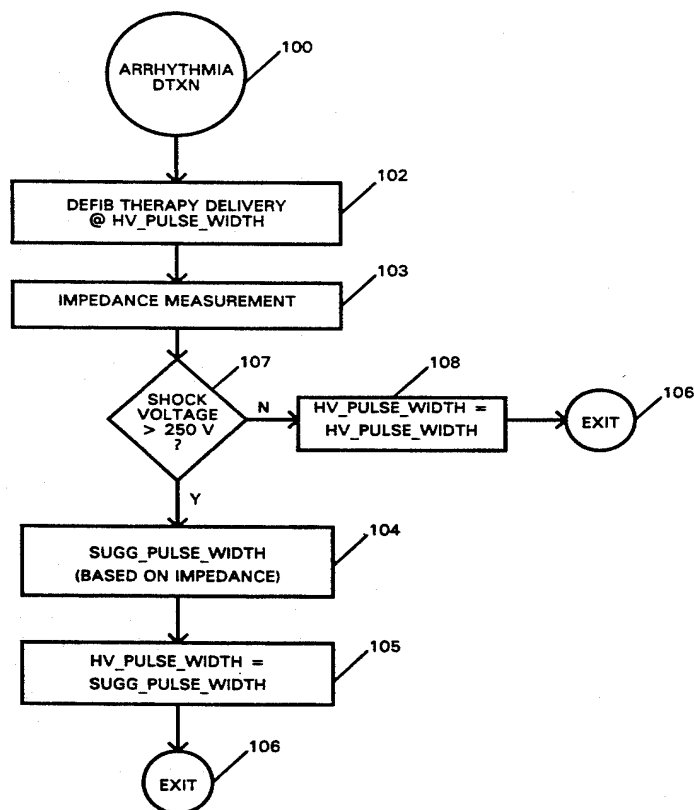
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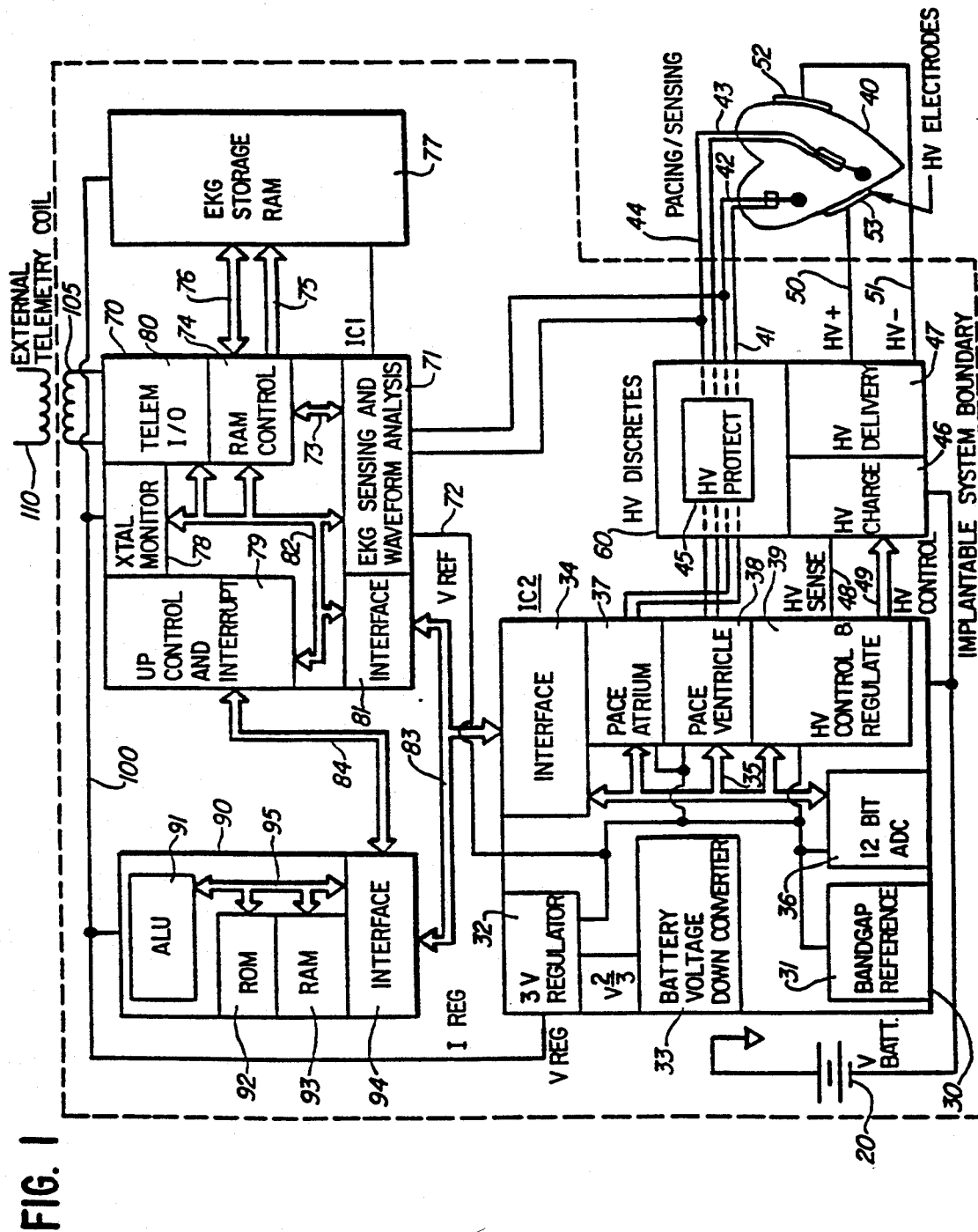
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ABSTRACT

An antitachycardia device, either implanted or external, which delivers a fixed pulse width truncated exponential waveform defibrillation shock and automatically adjusts the pulse duration based upon the impedance measured or calculated following a delivered shock. The apparatus operates by measuring or calculating the high voltage system impedance, selecting a pulse width for that impedance value and using a pulse width derived from the selected pulse width for the next defibrillation shock.

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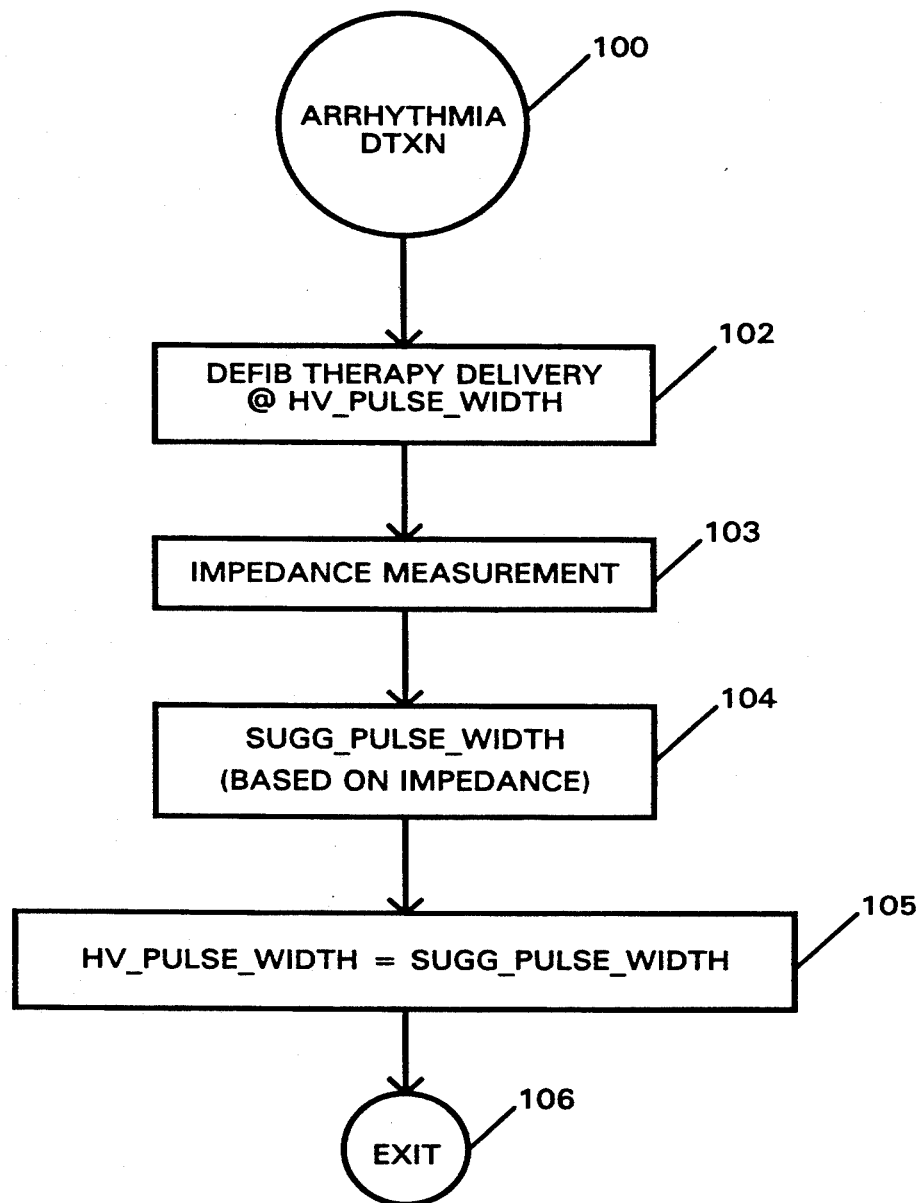


Figure 2

Measured Impedance (ohms)	Monophasic Waveform Suggested Pulse Width (msec)	Biphasic Waveform Suggested Pulse Width (msec)
< 19	3.0	3.0/3.0
20-26	4.0	4.0/4.0
27-32	5.0	5.0/5.0
33-38	6.0	6.0/6.0
39-44	7.0	7.0/7.0
45-51	8.0	8.0/8.0
52-57	9.0	9.0/9.0
58-63	10.0	10.0/10.0
64-69	11.0	11.0/11.0
> 70	12.0	12.0/12.0

Figure 3

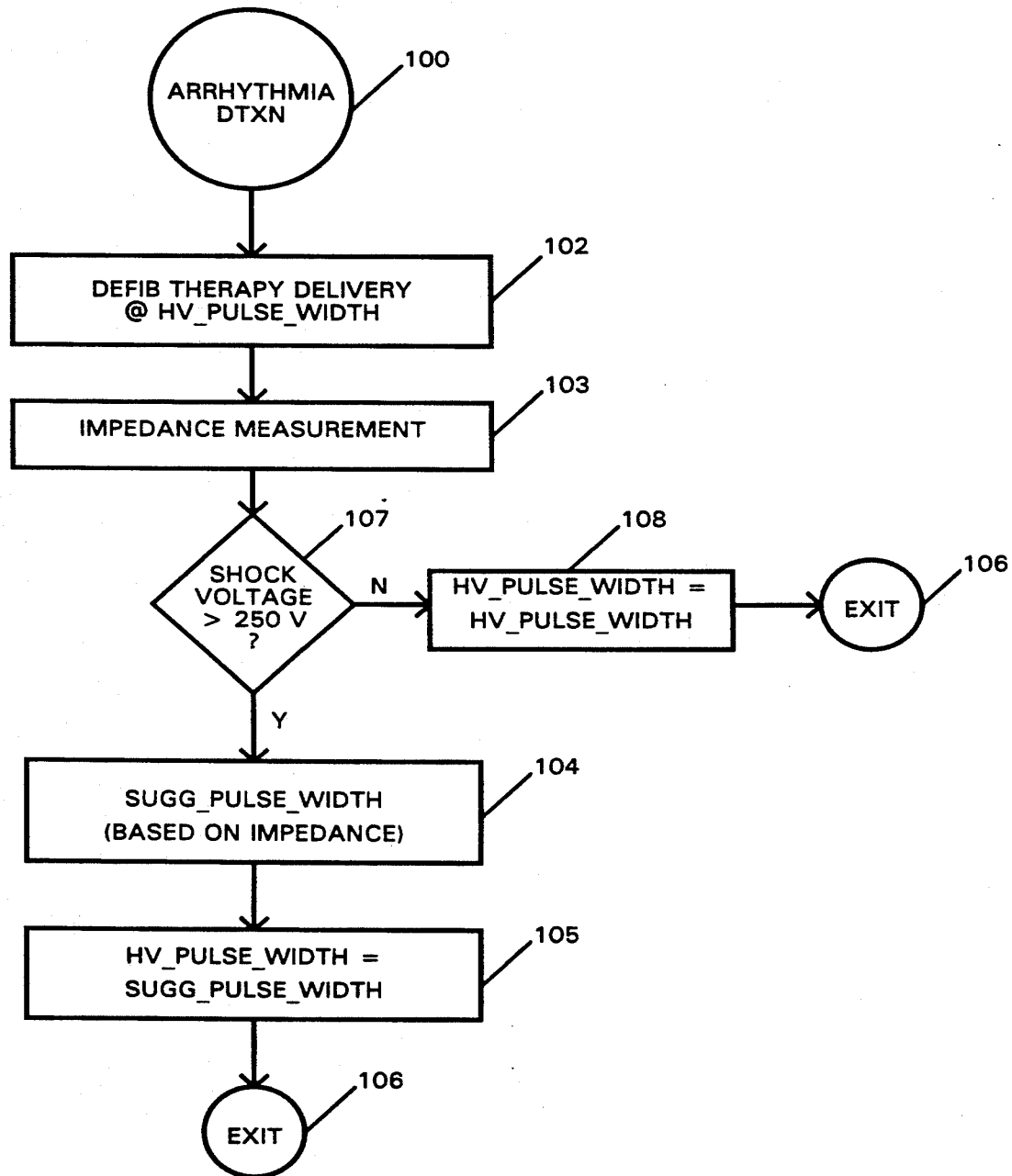


Figure 4



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