



US008640788B2

(12) **United States Patent**
Dachs, II et al.

(10) **Patent No.:** **US 8,640,788 B2**
(45) **Date of Patent:** **Feb. 4, 2014**

(54) **MOTOR INTERFACE FOR PARALLEL DRIVE SHAFTS WITHIN AN INDEPENDENTLY ROTATING MEMBER**

(75) Inventors: **Gregory W. Dachs, II**, San Francisco, CA (US); **Todd E. Murphy**, Allentown, PA (US); **William A. Burbank**, Sandy Hook, CT (US); **William A. McDonald, II**, Santa Clara, CA (US); **Bruce Michael Schena**, Menlo Park, CA (US)

3,720,954 A *	3/1973	Czyryk	346/106
3,747,368 A	7/1973	Morin	
4,606,695 A *	8/1986	Lenz	414/735
4,642,021 A	2/1987	Kikuchi	
4,686,866 A	8/1987	Rosheim	
4,790,225 A *	12/1988	Moody et al.	83/100
4,799,817 A	1/1989	Geisthoff	
4,892,300 A *	1/1990	Svyatsky	271/225
4,911,033 A	3/1990	Rosheim et al.	
4,969,533 A *	11/1990	Holm et al.	180/273

(Continued)

(73) Assignee: **Intuitive Surgical Operations, Inc.**, Sunnyvale, CA (US)

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

(*) Notice: Subject to any disclaimer, the term of this patent is extended or adjusted under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) by 353 days.

EP	1782927 A2	5/2007
GB	802506 A	10/1958

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

(21) Appl. No.: **12/945,461**

Rosheim, Mark E., Chapter 5: "Pitch-Yaw-Roll Wrists," *Robot Wrist Actuators*, Wiley & Sons, New York, 1989, pp. 95-206.

(22) Filed: **Nov. 12, 2010**

(Continued)

(65) **Prior Publication Data**

US 2011/0118754 A1 May 19, 2011

Primary Examiner — Brian D Nash

Related U.S. Application Data

(60) Provisional application No. 61/260,919, filed on Nov. 13, 2009.

(57) **ABSTRACT**

(51) **Int. Cl.**
A61B 19/00 (2006.01)

Mechanisms, assemblies, systems, tools, and methods incorporating the use of an offset drive shaft within an independently rotating member are provided. An example mechanism includes a base and a main shaft mounted to rotate relative to the base, a first drive shaft mounted inside the main shaft, and a first drive feature engaged with the first drive shaft. The main shaft includes a proximal end, a distal end, and a main shaft rotational axis defined therebetween. The first drive shaft is offset from the main shaft rotational axis. A first drive feature rotational axis is defined for the first drive feature and is fixed relative to the base as the main shaft rotates. The first drive feature rotates the first drive shaft.

(52) **U.S. Cl.**
USPC **173/164**; 173/213; 173/216

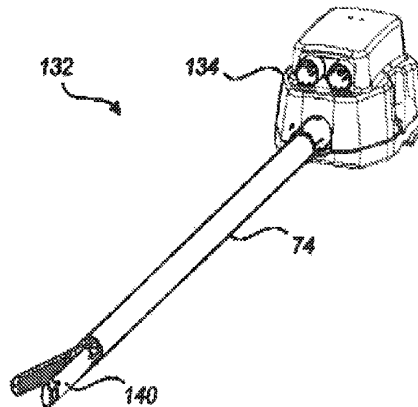
(58) **Field of Classification Search**
USPC 173/164, 213, 216
See application file for complete search history.

(56) **References Cited**

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

1,665,241 A	4/1928	Weiss
3,017,755 A	1/1962	Miller
3,324,683 A	6/1967	Kurt

15 Claims, 18 Drawing Sheets



(56)

References Cited

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

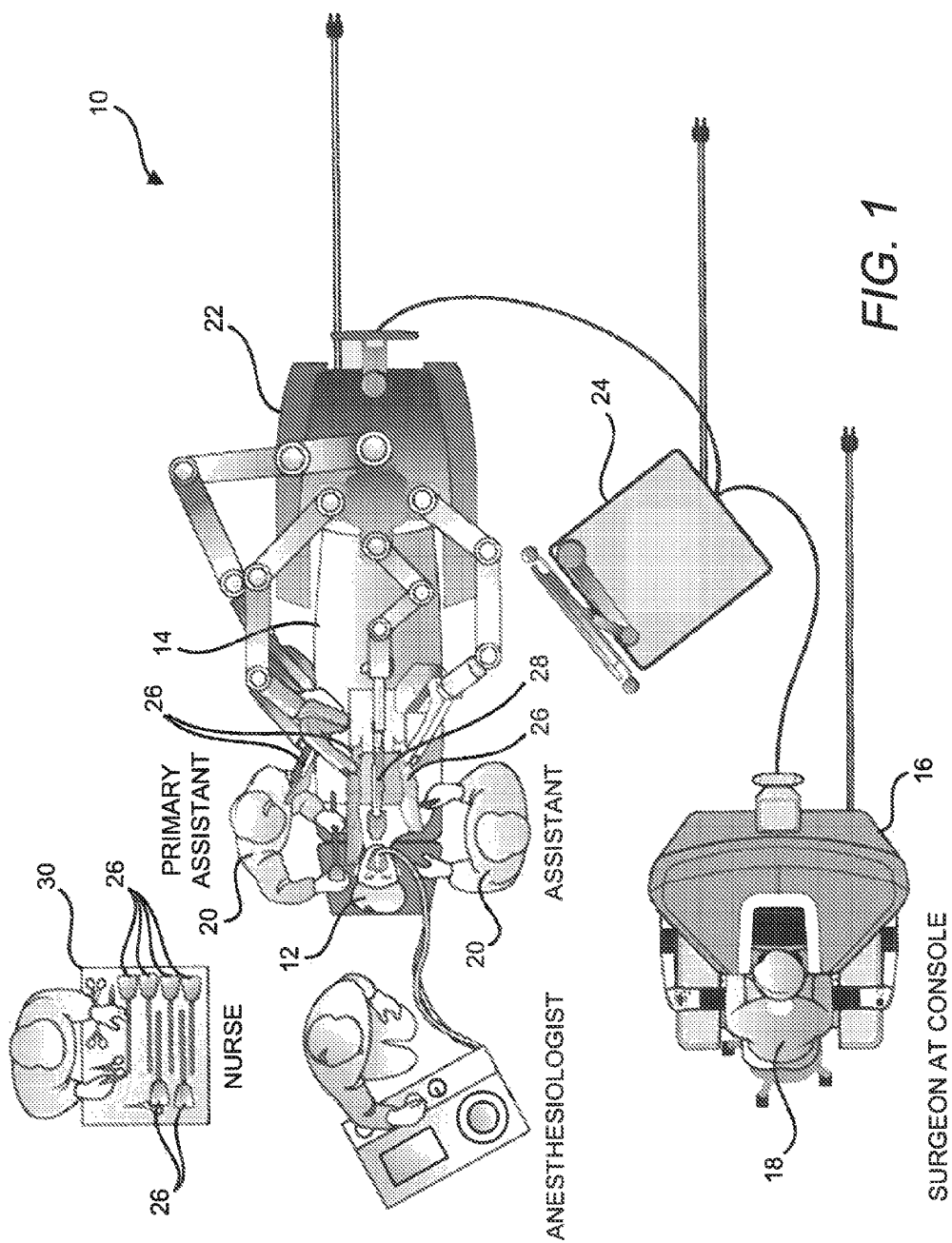
5,792,135 A 8/1998 Madhani et al.
 5,797,900 A 8/1998 Madhani et al.
 5,954,259 A * 9/1999 Viola et al. 227/176.1
 6,394,998 B1 5/2002 Wallace et al.
 6,676,684 B1 1/2004 Morley et al.
 6,685,698 B2 2/2004 Morley et al.
 6,699,235 B2 3/2004 Wallace et al.
 6,817,974 B2 11/2004 Cooper et al.
 6,860,860 B2 * 3/2005 Viola 600/564
 7,121,781 B2 10/2006 Sanchez
 7,320,700 B2 1/2008 Cooper et al.
 7,485,127 B2 2/2009 Nistal
 7,918,230 B2 4/2011 Whitman et al.
 2002/0188299 A1 * 12/2002 Reiley et al. 606/79
 2003/0105478 A1 * 6/2003 Whitman et al. 606/167
 2003/0130677 A1 * 7/2003 Whitman et al. 606/167
 2003/0216667 A1 * 11/2003 Viola 600/564
 2004/0011576 A1 * 1/2004 Taniguchi et al. 180/65.2
 2004/0018909 A1 * 1/2004 Hwa et al. 475/221
 2006/0048787 A1 3/2006 Manzo
 2006/0074415 A1 4/2006 Scott et al.

2006/0079884 A1 4/2006 Manzo et al.
 2006/0111209 A1 5/2006 Hinman et al.
 2006/0137888 A1 * 6/2006 Soika et al. 173/48
 2006/0199999 A1 9/2006 Ikeda et al.
 2007/0023477 A1 2/2007 Whitman et al.
 2008/0177283 A1 7/2008 Lee et al.
 2008/0271906 A1 * 11/2008 Walker 173/216
 2008/0312668 A1 12/2008 Grace
 2009/0183887 A1 * 7/2009 Baber et al. 173/1
 2010/0011900 A1 * 1/2010 Burbank 74/490.06
 2010/0011901 A1 * 1/2010 Burbank 74/490.06
 2010/0016852 A1 * 1/2010 Manzo et al. 606/46
 2010/0016853 A1 * 1/2010 Burbank 606/48

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Vertut, Jean and Phillippe Coiffet, *Robot Technology: Teleoperation and Robotics Evolution and Development*, English translation Prentice-Hall, Inc., Inglewood Cliffs, NJ, USA 1986, vol. 3A, 332 pages.
 PCT/US10/56610 International Search Report and Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority, mailed Feb. 18, 2011, 16 pages.

* cited by examiner



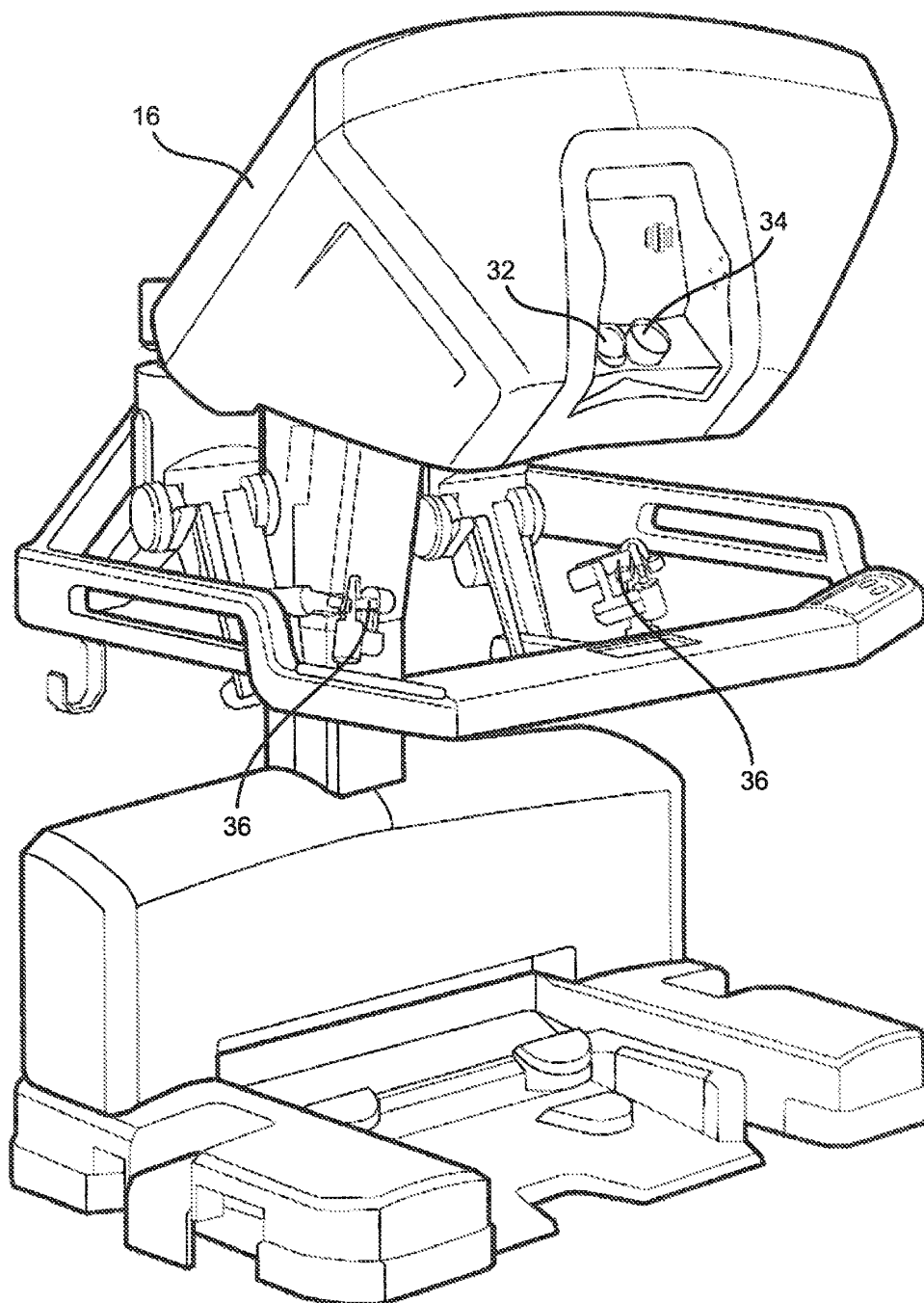


FIG. 2

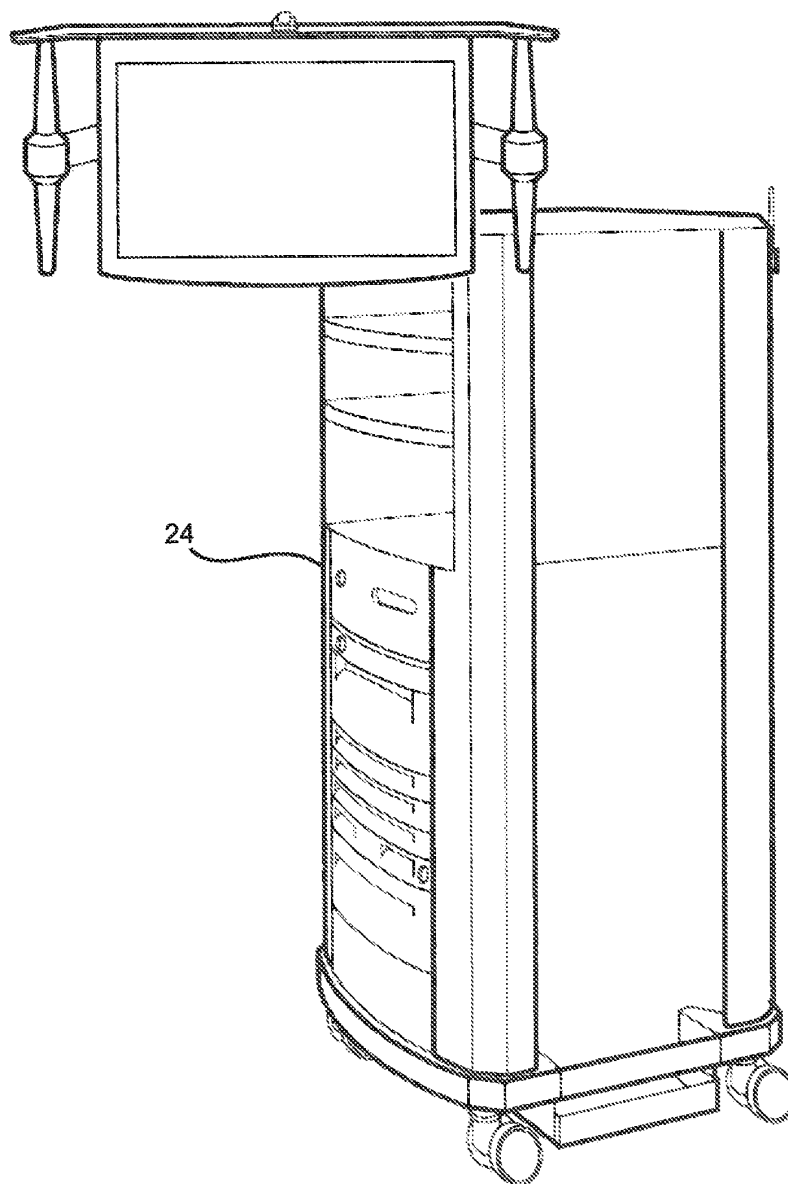


FIG. 3

Explore Litigation Insights

Docket Alarm provides insights to develop a more informed litigation strategy and the peace of mind of knowing you're on top of things.

Real-Time Litigation Alerts



Keep your litigation team up-to-date with **real-time alerts** and advanced team management tools built for the enterprise, all while greatly reducing PACER spend.

Our comprehensive service means we can handle Federal, State, and Administrative courts across the country.

Advanced Docket Research



With over 230 million records, Docket Alarm's cloud-native docket research platform finds what other services can't. Coverage includes Federal, State, plus PTAB, TTAB, ITC and NLRB decisions, all in one place.

Identify arguments that have been successful in the past with full text, pinpoint searching. Link to case law cited within any court document via Fastcase.

Analytics At Your Fingertips



Learn what happened the last time a particular judge, opposing counsel or company faced cases similar to yours.

Advanced out-of-the-box PTAB and TTAB analytics are always at your fingertips.

API

Docket Alarm offers a powerful API (application programming interface) to developers that want to integrate case filings into their apps.

LAW FIRMS

Build custom dashboards for your attorneys and clients with live data direct from the court.

Automate many repetitive legal tasks like conflict checks, document management, and marketing.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Litigation and bankruptcy checks for companies and debtors.

E-DISCOVERY AND LEGAL VENDORS

Sync your system to PACER to automate legal marketing.