

Description

Title of Invention

INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD, AND PROGRAM

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Technical Field

[0001]

The present technology relates to an information processing apparatus and method, and a program, and in particular, relates to an information processing
10 apparatus and method capable of improving security and a program.

Background Art

[0002]

While prescriptions written by physicians and drug history handbooks
15 issued by pharmacies are currently operated by means of paper media, the construction of a mechanism to electronically share and manage health data called EHR (Electric Health Record) or the like is demanded from the viewpoint of convenience and improvement of efficiency. Currently, for example, sharing of electronic medical records, digitization of prescriptions, and digitization of drug
20 history handbooks are promoted.

[0003]

For example, as a technology concerning the drug history handbook, a technology to record information about drug names, dosage methods and the like in advance and to create and print drug instructions based on the information is
25 proposed (see, for example, Patent Literature 1). According to the technology, storage information is provided in a portion of drug instructions so that information about drugs can also be stored in a handbook possessed by a patient.

Citation List

30 Patent Literature

[0004]

Patent Literature 1:

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Summary of Invention

Technical Problem

5 [0005]

In a system sharing and managing health data such as digitized drug history handbooks and prescriptions as described above, each user's personal information is handled and security improvement is desired.

[0006]

10 The present technology is developed in view of such circumstances and intended to achieve improvement of security.

Solution to Problem

[0007]

15 According to a first embodiment of the present technology, there is provided an information processing apparatus including a receiving unit that receives personal identification information to identify a user and system identification information to identify a local system, a recording unit that associates and records the personal identification information, the system identification information, system internal user
20 identification information used in the local system to identify the user, and shared data about the user, a data search unit that searches for the shared data associated with the received personal identification information, a user search unit that searches for the system internal user identification information associated with the received personal identification information and the received system identification
25 information, and a transmitting unit that transmits the shared data and the system internal user identification information that are obtained in a search.

[0008]

The shared data may be data on health of the user.

[0009]

30 The receiving unit may further include an update unit that receives the personal identification information, the system identification information, the system

internal user identification information, and the shared data which is new and associates the personal identification information, the system identification information, the system internal user identification information, and the new shared data that are received, to record the information and the data in the recording unit.

5 [0010]

The system identification information may be a hash value obtained by hashing information determining the local system.

[0011]

According to the first embodiment of the present technology, there is
10 provided an information processing method or a program including receiving personal identification information to identify a user and system identification information to identify a local system, searching for shared data associated with the received personal identification information in the personal identification information, the system identification information, system internal user identification
15 information used in the local system to identify the user, and the shared data about the user that are recorded in a recording unit by being associated with each other, searching for the system internal user identification information associated with the received personal identification information and the received system identification information in the personal identification information, the system identification
20 information, the system internal user identification information, and the shared data that are recorded in the recording unit by being associated with each other, and transmitting the shared data and the system internal user identification information that are obtained in a search.

[0012]

25 According to the first embodiment of the present technology, personal identification information to identify a user and system identification information to identify a local system is to be received, shared data associated with the received personal identification information is to be searched for, in the personal identification information, the system identification information, system internal user identification
30 information used in the local system to identify the user, and the shared data about the user that are recorded in a recording unit by being associated with each other, the

system internal user identification information associated with the received personal identification information and the received system identification information is to be searched for, in the personal identification information, the system identification information, the system internal user identification information, and the shared data that are recorded in the recording unit by being associated with each other, and the shared data and the system internal user identification information that are obtained in a search is to be transmitted.

[0013]

According to a second embodiment of the present technology, there is provided an information processing apparatus including an acquisition unit that acquires personal identification information identifying a user, a transmitting unit that transmits system identification information identifying a local system including the transmitting unit and the personal identification information to another information processing apparatus that associates and records the personal identification information, the system identification information, system internal user identification information used in the local system to identify the user, and shared data about the user, and a receiving unit that receives, from the other information processing apparatus, the shared data associated with the transmitted personal identification information and the system internal user identification information associated with the personal identification information and the system identification information that are transmitted.

[0014]

The shared data may be data on health of the user.

[0015]

The system identification information may be a hash value obtained by hashing information determining the local system.

[0016]

The local system may include a recording unit that associates and records the system identification information, the system internal user identification information, and the shared data.

[0017]

According to the second embodiment of the present technology, there is provided an information processing method including acquiring personal identification information identifying a user, transmitting system identification information identifying a local system including the information processing apparatus and the personal identification information to another information processing apparatus that associates and records the personal identification information, the system identification information, system internal user identification information used in the local system to identify the user, and shared data about the user, and receiving, from the other information processing apparatus, the shared data associated with the transmitted personal identification information and the system internal user identification information associated with the personal identification information and the system identification information that are transmitted.

[0018]

According to the second embodiment of the present technology, personal identification information identifying a user is to be received, system identification information identifying a local system including the information processing apparatus and the personal identification information is to be transmitted to another information processing apparatus that associates and records the personal identification information, the system identification information, system internal user identification information used in the local system to identify the user, and shared data about the user, and the shared data associated with the transmitted personal identification information and the system internal user identification information associated with the personal identification information and the system identification information that are transmitted are to be received from the other information processing apparatus.

Advantageous Effects of Invention

[0019]

According to a first aspect and a second aspect of the present technology, improvement of security can be achieved.

Brief Description of Drawings

[0020]

[FIG. 1] FIG. 1 is a diagram showing a configuration example according to an embodiment of an information processing system to which the present technology is applied.

[FIG. 2] FIG. 2 is a diagram showing an example of personal/drug history information.

[FIG. 3] FIG. 3 is a diagram showing an example of user drug history information.

[FIG. 4] FIG. 4 is a flow chart illustrating a registration request process.

10 [FIG. 5] FIG. 5 is a flow chart illustrating a registration process.

[FIG. 6] FIG. 6 is a flow chart illustrating a reading process and a providing process.

[FIG. 7] FIG. 7 is a diagram showing a configuration example of a computer.

[FIG. 8] FIG. 8 is a diagram illustrating an example of recording locations of personal information in the information processing system.

15 [FIG. 9] FIG. 9 is a diagram illustrating an example of recording locations of personal information in the information processing system.

[FIG. 10] FIG. 10 is a diagram illustrating an example of recording locations of personal information in the information processing system.

20 Description of Embodiment

[0021]

An embodiment to which the present technology is applied will be described below with reference to the drawings.

[0022]

25 <First embodiment>

[Configuration example of the information processing system]

FIG. 1 is a diagram showing a configuration example according to an embodiment of an information processing system to which the present technology is applied.

30 [0023]

The information processing system includes a pharmacy internal system 11,

a hospital internal system 12, a data center 13, an IC (Integrated Circuit) card 14 possessed by a user as a patient, and a mobile terminal apparatus 15. The pharmacy internal system 11 to the data center 13 are mutually connected via a communication network 16 formed from a wire or wireless network such as the Internet.

5 [0024]

The pharmacy internal system 11 is provided in a pharmacy where the patient purchases prescribed drugs and includes an identification information reader 31, a pharmacy internal apparatus 32, and a pharmacy internal medical receipt computer 33. The pharmacy internal apparatus 32 and the pharmacy internal medical receipt computer 33 are mutually connected via a local network and the local network is connected to the communication network 16 via a router or the like.

[0025]

The identification information reader 31 wirelessly communicates with the IC card 14 of a patient or the mobile terminal apparatus 15 to read a personal identification ID as an ID specific to each patient from the IC card 14 or the mobile terminal apparatus 15 and supplies the personal identification ID to the pharmacy internal apparatus 32.

[0026]

The personal identification ID is identification information capable of uniquely identifying the user, but is regarded as information that is generally unable to (or hard to) determine each individual user identified by the personal identification ID only by the personal identification ID being acquired by others. For example, personal information such as the name, address, and telephone number allows to determine the user almost directly from such information. However, if an ID made of numbers or symbols is attached to each user as a personal identification ID, it is difficult to determine the user of the personal identification ID from the personal identification ID as long as the correspondence between the personal identification ID and the user is not known.

[0027]

30 The medium to serve as a motivation for acquiring the personal identification ID is not limited to an IC card in which the personal identification ID is

directly recorded and includes any specific medium that cannot be rewritten or replaced. When, for example, specific information is acquired from living body information as a personal identification ID, the medium to acquire the personal identification ID from is a portion or the whole of a human body. The description
5 below continues by assuming that the personal identification ID is a specific ID held by a non-contact IC provided in the mobile terminal apparatus 15 possessed by the user. For example, the mobile terminal apparatus 15 is a mobile phone.

[0028]

The pharmacy internal apparatus 32 is, for example, a computer or the like
10 and performs various processes in accordance with the personal identification ID supplied by the identification information reader 31 or an input operation by a pharmacist or the like.

[0029]

The pharmacy internal apparatus 32 includes an acquisition unit 41, a data
15 controller 42, a communication unit 43, and a display unit 44. The acquisition unit 41 acquires a personal identification ID from the identification information reader 31. The data controller 42 exchanges various kinds of data with the pharmacy internal medical receipt computer 33 via a local network or causes the display unit 44 to display data.

20 [0030]

The communication unit 43 transmits/receives information to/from other apparatuses via a local network or the communication network 16. The display unit 44 displays various kinds of data or images.

[0031]

25 The pharmacy internal medical receipt computer 33 includes a pharmacy internal database 51, an input unit 52, and a control unit 53 and updates information recorded in the pharmacy internal database 51 in accordance with an input operation of a pharmacist or the like.

[0032]

30 The input unit 52 is, for example, a mouse and supplies information in accordance with an input operation of the user to the control unit 53. The control

unit 53 controls the whole pharmacy internal medical receipt computer 33 in accordance with information supplied by the input unit 52. In the pharmacy internal database 51, personal/drug history information including personal information of a user as a patient and health data as data on user's health is recorded
5 for each user.

[0033]

In this example, health data is data on user's drug history (hereinafter, called drug history data). For example, drug history data contained in personal/drug history information includes dispensing data including information about drugs
10 dispensed for the user in a pharmacy or the like and information about a prescription for the drugs. Health data managed by the pharmacy internal database 51 is not limited to drug history data and may be any data on user's health, but in the description that follows, it is assumed that health data is drug history data.

[0034]

15 Drug history data (dispensing data) recorded in the pharmacy internal database 51 is transmitted and recorded in the data center 13 if necessary and shared among a plurality of the pharmacy internal systems 11 or the hospital internal systems 12.

[0035]

20 Incidentally, the identification information reader 31, the pharmacy internal apparatus 32, and the pharmacy internal medical receipt computer 33 may be configured by one apparatus.

[0036]

The hospital internal system 12 is provided in a hospital to which the user
25 goes as a patient and includes an identification information reader 71, a hospital internal apparatus 72, and a hospital internal medical receipt computer 73. The hospital internal apparatus 72 and the hospital internal medical receipt computer 73 are mutually connected via a local network and the local network is connected to the communication network 16 via a router or the like.

30 [0037]

The identification information reader 71, the hospital internal apparatus 72,

and the hospital internal medical receipt computer 73 constituting the hospital internal system 12 correspond to the identification information reader 31, the pharmacy internal apparatus 32, and a pharmacy internal medical receipt computer 33 of the pharmacy internal system 11 respectively and the configuration and operation thereof are similar and thus, a detailed description thereof is omitted.

[0038]

The identification information reader 71 is connected to the hospital internal apparatus 72 in the hospital internal system 12 and the hospital internal apparatus 72 is provided with and includes an acquisition unit 81, a data controller 82, a communication unit 83, and a display unit 84. The acquisition unit 81 to the display unit 84 are similar to the acquisition unit 41 to the display unit 44 of the pharmacy internal apparatus 32 respectively and thus, a detailed description thereof is omitted.

[0039]

The hospital internal medical receipt computer 73 is provided with a hospital internal database 91, an input unit 92, and a control unit 93 and the hospital internal database 91 to the control unit 93 correspond to the pharmacy internal database 51 to the control unit 53 of the pharmacy internal medical receipt computer 33 respectively.

[0040]

In the hospital internal database 91, however, personal/diagnosis information including personal information of a user as a patient and drug history data as health data of data on user's health is recorded for each user. For example, drug history data contained in the personal/diagnosis information contains diagnosis data including information about prescriptions issued to the user by hospitals or the like.

[0041]

Drug history data (diagnosis data) recorded in the hospital internal database 91 is transmitted and recorded in the data center 13 if necessary and shared among a plurality of the pharmacy internal systems 11 or the hospital internal systems 12.

[0042]

Incidentally, the identification information reader 71, the hospital internal

apparatus 72, and the hospital internal medical receipt computer 73 may be configured by one apparatus.

[0043]

5 The data center 13 includes a data server 111 and an information processing server 112. The data server 111 and the information processing server 112 are mutually connected via a local network and the local network is connected to the communication network 16 via a router or the like.

[0044]

10 The data server 111 manages drug history data supplied by the pharmacy internal system 11 or the hospital internal system 12 and also provides recorded drug history data or the like in response to a request from the pharmacy internal system 11 or the hospital internal system 12. The data server 111 includes a server internal database 121, a communication unit 122, an update unit 123, a user search unit 124, and a drug history search unit 125.

15 [0045]

The server internal database 121 records user drug history information for each registered user. In the user drug history information, information to determine the pharmacy internal system 11 and the like, identification information of users in a local system such as the pharmacy internal system 11, and drug history data of users
20 supplied by the pharmacy internal system 11 are contained.

[0046]

The communication unit 122 transmits/receives various kinds of data such as drug history data by communicating with the pharmacy internal system 11 or the hospital internal system 12 via the communication network 16. When drug history
25 data or the like is supplied by the pharmacy internal system 11 or the hospital internal system 12, the update unit 123 updates user drug history information based on the drug history data.

[0047]

30 The user search unit 124 searches for information to determine the desired user from drug history information recorded in the server internal database 121, that is, identification information of the user used in a local system such as the pharmacy

internal system 11. The drug history search unit 125 searches for drug history data of the desired user from drug history information recorded in the server internal database 121.

[0048]

5 The information processing server 112 accesses the server internal database 121 of the data server 111 if necessary to process user drug history information or to perform a notification process to each user based on the user drug history information.

[0049]

10 In the example of FIG. 1, the one pharmacy internal system 11 and the one hospital internal system 12 are included in the information processing system, but actually, a plurality of the pharmacy internal systems 11 and a plurality of the hospital internal systems 12 are included in the information processing system.

[0050]

15 [Pharmacy internal database]

Next, a concrete example of personal/drug history information recorded in the pharmacy internal database 51 of the pharmacy internal system 11 in FIG. 1 will be described.

[0051]

20 For example, the personal/drug history information shown in FIG. 2 is recorded for each user as a patient in the pharmacy internal database 51. In the example of FIG. 2, the personal/drug history information contains "Dispensing pharmacy ID", "Dispensing pharmacy internal user ID", "Name", "Date of birth", "Address", "Telephone number", "Insurance card No.", and "Drug history data".

25 [0052]

"Dispensing pharmacy ID" is information that can be identified by each apparatus constituting the information processing system shown in FIG. 1 to determine the pharmacy internal system 11, that is, the pharmacy. For example, the medical institution code authorized to treat patients with health insurance coverage used when each institution such as a pharmacy makes a payment request to an
30 insurer is set as the dispensing pharmacy ID.

[0053]

"Dispensing pharmacy internal user ID" is information to identify the user used only in the pharmacy internal system 11, that is, the local system including the identification information reader 31 to the pharmacy internal medical receipt computer 33. For example, the user No. registered with the pharmacy internal medical receipt computer 33 constituting the pharmacy internal system 11 is set as the dispensing pharmacy internal user ID.

[0054]

Therefore, only each apparatus constituting the pharmacy internal system 11 such as the pharmacy internal apparatus 32 can determine the user indicated by the dispensing pharmacy internal user ID based on the dispensing pharmacy internal user ID. The dispensing pharmacy internal user ID is information that does not allow to directly determine the user only by being acquired by others.

[0055]

"Name", "Date of birth", "Address", "Telephone number", and "Insurance card No." contained in personal/drug history information are the name, date of birth, address, telephone number, and insurance card No. of the user determined by "Dispensing pharmacy internal user ID". "Name" to "Insurance card No." are so-called user's personal information with which others can directly determine the user.

[0056]

"Drug history data" contained in personal/drug history information is drug history data of the user determined by "Dispensing pharmacy internal user ID" and the drug history data contains dispensing data input through the pharmacy internal system 11. That is, drug history data recorded in the pharmacy internal database of each pharmacy (pharmacy internal system 11) contains only information input in the pharmacy and does not contain information about the drug history input in other pharmacies or hospitals (other medical institutions and the like).

[0057]

More specifically, drug history data contains, for example, the dispensed drug ID determining the dispensed drug, type of the dispensed drug such as oral administration, dispensing date/time, number of days of prescription of the drug,

frequency of using the drug, dosage of the drug, and information about side effects as dispensing data.

[0058]

Thus, the personal/drug history information contains the dispensing
5 pharmacy ID to determine the pharmacy, dispensing pharmacy internal user ID to identify the user in the pharmacy, personal information of the user such as the name, and drug history data input in the pharmacy.

[0059]

In each of the pharmacy internal systems 11 and the hospital internal
10 systems 12 constituting the information processing system in FIG. 1, personal/drug history information or personal/diagnosis information containing drug history data input in each system is managed by the pharmacy internal database 51 or the hospital internal database 91 for each user.

[0060]

Drug history data contained in personal/diagnosis information managed by
15 the hospital internal database 91 contains information (diagnosis data) about prescriptions issued to the users in the hospital. More specifically, the drug history data contains, for example, the date/time of issue of a prescription, whether to allow changes to generic drugs, prescribed drug ID to determine the prescribed drug, type
20 of the prescribed drug such as oral administration, number of days of prescription of the drug, frequency of using the drug, dosage of the drug, and information about side effects.

[0061]

Personal/diagnosis information managed by the hospital internal database
25 91 contains, instead of "Dispensing pharmacy ID" and "Dispensing pharmacy internal user ID" in FIG. 2, "Hospital ID" and "Hospital internal user ID". "Hospital ID" is information corresponding to "Dispensing pharmacy ID" and is information to determine the hospital internal system 12. "Hospital internal user ID" is information corresponding to "Dispensing pharmacy internal user ID" and is identification
30 information of the user used only inside the hospital internal system 12.

[0062]

[Server internal database]

Further, for example, user drug history information shown in FIG. 3 is recorded in the server internal database 121 of the data server 111 in FIG. 1. In the example of FIG. 3, each piece of user drug history information contains "Personal
5 identification ID", "Dispensing pharmacy ID", "Dispensing pharmacy internal user ID", and "Drug history data".

[0063]

"Personal identification ID" contained in the user drug history information is a personal identification ID recorded in the mobile terminal apparatus 15 in FIG. 1.

10 The personal identification ID is used, as described above, as information to determine the user possessing the mobile terminal apparatus 15.

[0064]

"Dispensing pharmacy ID" is a dispensing pharmacy ID to determine the pharmacy internal system 11. More specifically, "Dispensing pharmacy ID"
15 contained in the user drug history information is a hash value obtained by hashing the dispensing pharmacy ID.

[0065]

"Dispensing pharmacy internal user ID" is a dispensing pharmacy internal user ID used in the pharmacy internal system 11 to identify the user and "Drug
20 history data" is drug history data determined by the dispensing pharmacy ID and input in the pharmacy internal system 11.

[0066]

More specifically, in user drug history information containing drug history information concerning the hospital internal system 12, instead of "Dispensing
25 pharmacy ID" and "Dispensing pharmacy internal user ID", "Hospital ID" and "Hospital internal user ID" are used.

[0067]

[User registration]

If drug history data input in a medical institution or the like is recorded in
30 the server internal database 121 by associating with personal identification ID or the like as user drug history data, drug history data contained in such user drug history

data can also be used by other medical institutions and the like (local systems).

[0068]

To share user drug history data, it is necessary to first register the user. That is, it is necessary to associate the personal identification ID to determine the user with the dispensing pharmacy internal user ID or the like used in each of the pharmacy internal systems 11 or the like.

[0069]

Hereinafter, a registration request process in which the pharmacy internal system 11 requests user registration and a registration process in which the data server 111 registers the user in response to the request will be described with reference to the flow charts in FIGS. 4 and 5.

[0070]

FIG. 4 is a flow chart illustrating a registration request process by the pharmacy internal system 11.

[0071]

When a new user visits a pharmacy provided with the pharmacy internal system 11 and presents a prescription, a pharmacist or the like in the pharmacy operates the input unit 52 of the pharmacy internal medical receipt computer 33 based on the presented prescription to start input of the user's dispensing data.

[0072]

Then, in step S11, the control unit 53 receives input of the dispensing data and acquires information in accordance with the operation of the input unit 52 by the pharmacist or the like as the dispensing data.

[0073]

When the user visits a pharmacy provided with the pharmacy internal system 11 for the first time, personal information and other information about the user are not registered with (recorded in) the pharmacy internal database 51 and thus, the pharmacist or the like operates the input unit 52 to input the name, date of birth and the like of the user.

[0074]

When, for example, the personal/drug history information shown in FIG. 2

is recorded in the pharmacy internal database 51, the name, date of birth, address, telephone number, and insurance card No. of the user are input by the pharmacist or the like and if necessary, the dispensing pharmacy internal user ID of the user is attached. When the above information is input, the control unit 53 generates drug history data from dispensing data acquired from the input unit 52 and also generates personal/drug history information from information of the input name and the like of the user, the generated drug history data, and the dispensing pharmacy internal user ID attached to the user.

[0075]

10 If the user has visited the pharmacy and personal/drug history information of the user is already recorded in the pharmacy internal database 51, no personal/drug history information is generated.

[0076]

15 In step S12, the control unit 53 causes the pharmacy internal database 51 to record the generated personal/drug history information by supplying the information thereto and also supplies the dispensing pharmacy internal user ID, user's name, and dispensing data (drug history data) acquired in the process of step S11 to the pharmacy internal apparatus 32 via a local network.

[0077]

20 In step S13, the data controller 42 of the pharmacy internal apparatus 32 temporarily holds the dispensing pharmacy internal user ID, user's name, and dispensing data supplied by the control unit 53.

[0078]

25 When inputting dispensing data and personal information of the user is finished, the pharmacist or the like dispenses a prescribed drug and administers the drug to the user if necessary. Further, when the user visits the pharmacy for the first time, the pharmacist or the like checks to see whether the user desires new registration of an electronic drug history handbook. That is, the pharmacist or the like checks to see whether user registration with the data center 13 is desired.

30 [0079]

 If the user desires new registration of an electronic drug history handbook,

the pharmacist or the like operates the pharmacy internal apparatus 32 to perform a process of new registration. The data controller 42 of the pharmacy internal apparatus 32 causes the display unit 44 to display the temporarily held dispensing pharmacy internal user ID, user's name, and dispensing data by supplying the data thereto in accordance with an operation by the pharmacist or the like.

[0080]

The pharmacist or the like and the user confirm information such as the name displayed in the display unit 44 and then, the user holds the mobile terminal apparatus 15 possessed by the user over the identification information reader 31. Then, the identification information reader 31 wirelessly communicates with the mobile terminal apparatus 15 to receive the personal identification ID from the mobile terminal apparatus 15.

[0081]

In step S14, the acquisition unit 41 acquires the user's personal identification ID from the identification information reader 31 and supplies the ID to the data controller 42.

[0082]

In step S15, the data controller 42 associates the temporarily held dispensing pharmacy internal user ID of the user and the personal identification ID supplied by the acquisition unit 41.

[0083]

The data controller 42 acquires the dispensing pharmacy ID of the pharmacy internal system 11 from the pharmacy internal medical receipt computer 33 if necessary and hashes the dispensing pharmacy ID. Then, the data controller 42 supplies the hash value (dispensing pharmacy ID) obtained by a hashing operation and also the personal identification ID, dispensing pharmacy internal user ID, and dispensing data to the communication unit 43.

[0084]

In step S16, the communication unit 43 transmits the dispensing pharmacy ID (hash value), personal identification ID, dispensing pharmacy internal user ID, and dispensing data supplied by the data controller 42 to the data server 111 via the

communication network 16 to complete the registration request process. That is, the communication unit 43 transmits a new registration request of the user containing the dispensing pharmacy ID, personal identification ID, dispensing pharmacy internal user ID, and dispensing data.

5 [0085]

When a new registration request is obtained after being transmitted by the pharmacy internal system 11, the data server 111 performs a registration process according to the request. Hereinafter, the registration process by the data server 111 will be described with reference to the flow chart in FIG. 5.

10 [0086]

In step S41, the communication unit 122 receives and supplies the dispensing pharmacy ID (hash value), personal identification ID, dispensing pharmacy internal user ID, and dispensing data transmitted by the pharmacy internal system 11 to the update unit 123.

15 [0087]

In step S42, the update unit 123 generates user drug history information containing the dispensing pharmacy ID (hash value), personal identification ID, dispensing pharmacy internal user ID, and dispensing data supplied by the communication unit 122 and adds the generated user drug history information to the server internal database 121. That is, the newly generated user drug history information is recorded in the server internal database 121. Accordingly, for example, user drug history information shown in FIG. 3 is newly recorded. When user drug history information is generated, the update unit 123 sets the dispensing data of the user directly as drug history information.

20 [0088]

When the newly generated user drug history information is recorded in the server internal database 121, new registration of the user is completed to finish the registration process.

[0089]

30 As described above, the pharmacy internal system 11 requests the registration of a user by transmitting the dispensing pharmacy ID determining the

pharmacy, personal identification ID determining the user, dispensing pharmacy internal user ID, and dispensing data of the user to the data server 111. The data server 111 receives the information transmitted by the pharmacy internal system 11 and generates and registers user drug history information.

5 [0090]

For the registration, the pharmacy internal system 11 and the data server 111 exchange the personal identification ID and dispensing pharmacy internal user ID via the communication network 16 as information to determine the user. However, even if such information is viewed by others, it is generally almost impossible to
10 determine the individual user and therefore, leakage of personal information can be prevented and security can thereby be improved.

[0091]

In addition, the pharmacy internal system 11 and the data server 111 also exchange the dispensing pharmacy ID determining the pharmacy for the registration
15 and the dispensing pharmacy ID is hashed, that is, a has value. Therefore, it is difficult for others to determine the pharmacy from the hash value and therefore, security can be improved.

[0092]

[Update/reference of drug history data]

20 When drug history data of the user is recorded in the data server 111 as described above, each of the pharmacy internal systems 11 and the hospital internal systems 12 can refer to drug history data of the user and update drug history data of the user.

[0093]

25 A reading process by the pharmacy internal system 11 and a provisioning process by the data server 111 will be described with reference to the flow chart in FIG. 6.

[0094]

The user visits a dispensing pharmacy and presents a prescription issued by
30 a hospital and also holds the mobile terminal apparatus 15 possessed by the user over the identification information reader 31.

[0095]

Then, in step S71, the acquisition unit 41 acquires the personal identification ID. That is, the identification information reader 31 wirelessly communicates with the mobile terminal apparatus 15 to receive the personal identification ID from the mobile terminal apparatus 15. The acquisition unit 41 acquires a personal identification ID from the identification information reader 31 and supplies the ID to the data controller 42.

[0096]

The data controller 42 acquires the dispensing pharmacy ID from the pharmacy internal medical receipt computer 33 if necessary and hashes the dispensing pharmacy ID. Then, the data controller 42 supplies the hash value (dispensing pharmacy ID) obtained by a hashing operation and personal identification ID to the communication unit 43.

[0097]

In step S72, the communication unit 43 transmits the personal identification ID and dispensing pharmacy ID (hash value) supplied by the data controller 42 to the data server 111 via the communication network 16 and also request the transmission of the dispensing pharmacy internal user ID and drug history data. That is, a transmission request containing the personal identification ID and dispensing pharmacy ID is transmitted.

[0098]

Then, in step S91, the communication unit 122 of the data server 111 receives the personal identification ID and dispensing pharmacy ID (hash value) transmitted by the pharmacy internal system 11.

[0099]

In step S92, the drug history search unit 125 searches for drug history data determined by the personal identification ID received by the communication unit 122 in response to a request from the pharmacy internal system 11.

[0100]

That is, the drug history search unit 125 searches for user drug history information containing the personal identification ID received by the communication

unit 122 from user drug history information recorded in the server internal database 121. Then, the drug history search unit 125 supplies drug history data contained in the user drug history information obtained by the search to the communication unit 122.

5 [0101]

In the search for drug history data described above, a search using the personal identification ID as a key is performed. Thus, the drug history data obtained by the search contains not only drug history data input by the pharmacy internal system 11 that have requested the search, but also drug history data input by other pharmacies and hospitals in the past.

[0102]

In step S93, the user search unit 124 searches for the dispensing pharmacy internal user ID determined by the personal identification ID received by the communication unit 122 and the dispensing pharmacy ID (hash value) in response to a request from the pharmacy internal system 11.

[0103]

That is, the user search unit 124 searches for user drug history information containing the personal identification ID received by the communication unit 122 and the dispensing pharmacy ID from user drug history information recorded in the server internal database 121. Then, the user search unit 124 supplies the dispensing pharmacy internal user ID contained in the user drug history information obtained by the search to the communication unit 122. Thus, the search for the dispensing pharmacy internal user ID is performed by using the personal identification ID and dispensing pharmacy internal user ID as keys.

25 [0104]

In step S94, the communication unit 122 transmits the drug history data supplied by the drug history search unit 125 and the dispensing pharmacy internal user ID supplied by the user search unit 124 to the pharmacy internal system 11 via the communication network 16.

30 [0105]

In step S73, the communication unit 43 of the pharmacy internal apparatus

32 receives and supplies the dispensing pharmacy internal user ID and drug history data transmitted by the data server 111 to the data controller 42.

[0106]

5 In step S74, the control unit 53 of the pharmacy internal medical receipt computer 33 receives input of dispensing data.

[0107]

For example, a pharmacist or the like inputs dispensing data based on the prescription presented by the user. More specifically, a pharmacist or the like operates the pharmacy internal medical receipt computer 33 to input dispensing data of a drug newly dispensed this time based on the prescription.

[0108]

Then, the control unit 53 acquires dispensing data in accordance with an operation by the pharmacist or the like from the input unit 52 and also adds the acquired dispensing data to drug history data contained in personal/drug history information of the user recorded in the pharmacy internal database 51. Accordingly, the drug history data of the user is updated.

[0109]

The control unit 53 also reads the dispensing pharmacy internal user ID and name of the user from the personal/drug history information of the user recorded in the pharmacy internal database 51 and also supplies the read dispensing pharmacy internal user ID and name and the dispensing data this time to the pharmacy internal apparatus 32. The dispensing data supplied to the pharmacy internal apparatus 32 is dispensing data newly input in the process of step S74.

[0110]

25 In step S75, the data controller 42 of the pharmacy internal apparatus 32 acquires the dispensing pharmacy internal user ID, name, and dispensing data from the control unit 53.

[0111]

Accordingly, the data controller 42 temporarily holds the dispensing pharmacy internal user ID, name, and dispensing data from the pharmacy internal medical receipt computer 33, the dispensing pharmacy internal user ID and drug

history data from the data server 111, and the personal identification ID from the identification information reader 31.

[0112]

Because both of data acquired from the pharmacy internal medical receipt
5 computer 33 and data acquired from the data server 111 contain the dispensing
pharmacy internal user ID, the above data is strung together to indicate that each
piece of data belongs to the same user based on the dispensing pharmacy internal
user ID.

[0113]

10 The data controller 42 causes the display unit 44 to display the acquired
name, dispensing data, and drug history data of the user by supplying the data thereto.

[0114]

In step S76, the display unit 44 displays the user's name, dispensing data,
and drug history data supplied by the data controller 42.

15 [0115]

The pharmacist or the like administers a drug to the user by referring to the
past drug history data displayed in the display unit 44 and newly input dispensing
data. When the administration is finished, the pharmacist or the like checks to see
whether the user desires the dispensing data of the drug prescribed this time to be
20 registered with the data server 111.

[0116]

If the user desires the registration, the pharmacist or the like operates the
pharmacy internal apparatus 32 to instruct the registration of the dispensing data, that
is, an update of the data server 111 with the user drug history information.

25 [0117]

Then, the data controller 42 hashes the dispensing pharmacy ID in
accordance with an operation of the pharmacist or the like and also supplies the hash
value (dispensing pharmacy ID) obtained by hashing, personal identification ID,
dispensing pharmacy internal user ID, and dispensing data to the communication unit
30 43. The dispensing data supplied to the communication unit 43 is dispensing data
newly input in the process of step S74.

[0118]

In step S77, the communication unit 43 transmits the dispensing pharmacy ID (hash value), personal identification ID, dispensing pharmacy internal user ID, and dispensing data supplied by the data controller 42 to the data server 111 via the communication network 16 to request an update of the user drug history information. That is, an update request of the user drug history information (drug history information) containing the dispensing pharmacy ID, personal identification ID, dispensing pharmacy internal user ID, and dispensing data is transmitted. When the request is transmitted, the reading process by the pharmacy internal system 11 is finished.

[0119]

In step S95, the communication unit 122 of the data server 111 receives and supplies the dispensing pharmacy ID (hash value), personal identification ID, dispensing pharmacy internal user ID, and dispensing data transmitted by the pharmacy internal system 11 to the update unit 123.

[0120]

In step S96, the update unit 123 updates the user drug history information in response to the request from the pharmacy internal system 11 before finishing the providing process.

[0121]

That is, the update unit 123 generates new user drug history information containing the dispensing pharmacy ID (hash value), personal identification ID, dispensing pharmacy internal user ID, and dispensing data supplied by the communication unit 122 and causes the server internal database 121 to record the generated user drug history information. Accordingly, the user drug history information recorded in the server internal database 121 is updated.

[0122]

When user drug history information is generated, dispensing data received by the communication unit 122 is set as drug history data contained in user drug history information.

[0123]

The pharmacy internal system 11 reads, as described above, past drug history data of the user from the data server 111 by using the personal identification ID as a key and also causes the database to record the user drug history information containing the newly generated drug history data.

5 [0124]

When drug history data is read or drug history data (user drug history information) is updated, the personal identification ID or dispensing pharmacy internal user ID identifying the user and the hash value of the dispensing pharmacy ID identifying the pharmacy are exchanged between the data server 111 and the pharmacy internal system 11. However, it is generally impossible to determine the individual user or pharmacy from the exchanged information and therefore, security can be improved.

[0125]

In addition, in the information processing system, information allowing to determine the individual user is not directly exchanged between apparatuses connected via the communication network 16. Therefore, there is no need to install an expensive apparatus whose security level is high such as IP-VPN in each apparatus such as the pharmacy internal system 11 and therefore, the cost can also be reduced.

20 [0126]

In addition, information capable of directly determining each user or the institution such as a pharmacy is not recorded in the data server 111 in which user drug history information of many users is managed and therefore, even if information managed by the data server 111 is leaked, the damage of information leakage can be minimized. Further, information that directly determines the user or the like is not managed by the data server 111 and therefore, the cost of information management can be curbed.

[0127]

Also in the information processing system, it is necessary for the user to hold the mobile terminal apparatus 15 over the identification information reader 31 or the like when drug history data is referred to and therefore, drug history data

recorded in the data server 111 is not referred to from the pharmacy side or hospital side without permission of the user. Conversely, when the user or the pharmacist or the like refers to drug history data, the pharmacy side can make the user display personal information such as the date of birth so that the identity of the user can easily be confirmed. Accordingly, spoofing by others can be prevented.

[0128]

In the foregoing, the exchange of data between the pharmacy internal system 11 and the data center 13 has been described, but a process similar to the above process described with reference to FIGS. 4 to 6 is performed for the exchange of data between the hospital internal system 12 and the data center 13.

[0129]

In addition to pharmacies and hospitals, other third institutions such as insurance companies can read user's drug history data from the data server 111 or update drug history data by a similar process. That is, the information processing system shown in FIG. 1 can be used. In such a case, an ID uniquely identifying the third institution may be set up as an ID corresponding to the dispensing pharmacy ID and a third institution internal user ID in the third institution may be set up as an ID corresponding to the dispensing pharmacy internal user ID for each user.

[0130]

Further, in the information processing system in FIG. 1, the user may be enabled to directly access the data server 111 without going through a pharmacy or hospital. In such a case, for example, the telephone number of the mobile phone as the mobile terminal apparatus 15 possessed by the user may be used as an ID corresponding to the dispensing pharmacy ID and the password known only to the user may be used as an ID corresponding to the dispensing pharmacy internal user ID. As the personal identification ID, the personal identification ID recorded in the mobile terminal apparatus 15 may be used.

[0131]

Further in the foregoing, a case when data shared in the data server 111 is health data of users is taken as an example, but data to be shared may be any kind of data handled and shared by each local system.

[0132]

The series of processes described above can be executed by hardware but can also be executed by software. When the series of processes is executed by software, a program that constructs such software is installed into a computer. Here,
5 the expression “computer” includes a computer in which dedicated hardware is incorporated and a general-purpose personal computer or the like that is capable of executing various functions when various programs are installed.

[0133]

FIG. 7 is a block diagram showing a hardware configuration example of a
10 computer that performs the above-described series of processing using a program.

[0134]

In the computer, a central processing unit (CPU) 201, a read only memory (ROM) 202 and a random access memory (RAM) 203 are mutually connected by a bus 204.

15 [0135]

An input/output interface 205 is also connected to the bus 204. An input unit 206, an output unit 207, a recording unit 208, a communication unit 209, and a drive 210 are connected to the input/output interface 205.

[0136]

20 The input unit 206 is configured from a keyboard, a mouse, a microphone or the like. The output unit 207 is configured from a display, a speaker or the like. The recording unit 208 is configured from a hard disk, a non-volatile memory or the like. The communication unit 209 is configured from a network interface or the like. The drive 210 drives a removable medium 211 such as a magnetic disk, an
25 optical disk, a magneto-optical disk, a semiconductor memory or the like.

[0137]

In the computer configured as described above, the CPU 201 loads a program that is stored, for example, in the recording unit 208 onto the RAM 203 via the input/output interface 205 and the bus 204, and executes the program. Thus, the
30 above-described series of processing is performed.

[0138]

Programs to be executed by the computer (the CPU 201) are provided being recorded in the removable medium 211 which is a packaged medium or the like. Also, programs may be provided via a wired or wireless transmission medium, such as a local area network, the Internet or digital satellite broadcasting.

5 [0139]

Then, by inserting the removable medium 211 into the drive 210, the program can be installed in the recording unit 208 via the input/output interface 205. Further, the program can be received by the communication unit 209 via a wired or wireless transmission medium and installed in the recording unit 208. Moreover,
10 the program can be installed in advance in the ROM 202 or the recording unit 208.

[0140]

It should be noted that the program executed by a computer may be a program that is processed in time series according to the sequence described in this specification or a program that is processed in parallel or at necessary timing such as
15 upon calling.

[0141]

An embodiment of the disclosure is not limited to the embodiments described above, and various changes and modifications may be made without departing from the scope of the disclosure.

20 [0142]

For example, the present technology may also be configured as cloud computing that allocates or shares a function among a plurality of apparatuses via a network so as to perform processing.

[0143]

25 Further, each step described by the above mentioned flow charts can be executed by one apparatus or by allocating a plurality of apparatuses.

[0144]

In addition, in the case where a plurality of processes is included in one step, the plurality of processes included in this one step can be executed by one apparatus or
30 by allocating a plurality of apparatuses.

[0145]

Additionally, the present technology may also be configured as below.

[0146]

(1)

An information processing apparatus including:

5 a receiving unit that receives personal identification information to identify a user and system identification information to identify a local system;

a recording unit that associates and records the personal identification information, the system identification information, system internal user identification information used in the local system to identify the user, and shared data about the
10 user;

a data search unit that searches for the shared data associated with the received personal identification information;

a user search unit that searches for the system internal user identification information associated with the received personal identification information and the
15 received system identification information; and

a transmitting unit that transmits the shared data and the system internal user identification information that are obtained in a search.

(2)

The information processing apparatus according to (1),
20 wherein the shared data is data on health of the user.

(3)

The information processing apparatus according to (1) or (2),
wherein the receiving unit further includes an update unit that receives the personal identification information, the system identification information, the system
25 internal user identification information, and the shared data which is new and

associates the personal identification information, the system identification information, the system internal user identification information, and the new shared data that are received, to record the information and the data in the recording unit.

(4)

30 The information processing apparatus according to any one of (1) to (3),
wherein the system identification information is a hash value obtained by

hashing information determining the local system.

(5)

An information processing method of an information processing apparatus, the method including:

5 receiving personal identification information to identify a user and system identification information to identify a local system;

searching for shared data associated with the received personal identification information in the personal identification information, the system identification information, system internal user identification information used in the local system to identify the user, and the shared data about the user that are recorded
10 in a recording unit by being associated with each other;

searching for the system internal user identification information associated with the received personal identification information and the received system identification information in the personal identification information, the system
15 identification information, the system internal user identification information, and the shared data that are recorded in the recording unit by being associated with each other; and

transmitting the shared data and the system internal user identification information that are obtained in a search.

20 (6)

A program for causing a computer that controls an information processing apparatus to execute processes including:

receiving personal identification information to identify a user and system identification information to identify a local system;

25 searching for shared data associated with the received personal identification information in the personal identification information, the system identification information, system internal user identification information used in the local system to identify the user, and the shared data about the user that are recorded in a recording unit by being associated with each other;

30 searching for the system internal user identification information associated with the received personal identification information and the received system

identification information in the personal identification information, the system identification information, the system internal user identification information, and the shared data that are recorded in the recording unit by being associated with each other; and

5 transmitting the shared data and the system internal user identification information that are obtained in a search.

(7)

 An information processing apparatus including:

 an acquisition unit that acquires personal identification information
10 identifying a user;

 a transmitting unit that transmits system identification information identifying a local system including the information processing apparatus and the personal identification information to another information processing apparatus that associates and records the personal identification information, the system
15 identification information, system internal user identification information used in the local system to identify the user, and shared data about the user; and

 a receiving unit that receives, from the other information processing apparatus, the shared data associated with the transmitted personal identification information and the system internal user identification information associated with
20 the personal identification information and the system identification information that are transmitted.

(8)

 The information processing apparatus according to (7),
 wherein the shared data is data on health of the user.

25 (9)

 The information processing apparatus according to (7) or (8),
 wherein the system identification information is a hash value obtained by hashing information determining the local system.

(10)

30 The information processing apparatus according to any one of (7) to (9),
 wherein

the local system includes a recording unit that associates and records the system identification information, the system internal user identification information, and the shared data.

(11)

5 An information processing method of an information processing apparatus, the method including:

 acquiring personal identification information identifying a user;

 transmitting system identification information identifying a local system including the information processing apparatus and the personal identification
10 information to another information processing apparatus that associates and records the personal identification information, the system identification information, system internal user identification information used in the local system to identify the user, and shared data about the user; and

 receiving, from the other information processing apparatus, the shared data
15 associated with the transmitted personal identification information and the system internal user identification information associated with the personal identification information and the system identification information that are transmitted.

(12)

 A program for causing a computer that controls an information processing
20 apparatus to execute processes including:

 acquiring personal identification information identifying a user;

 transmitting system identification information identifying a local system including the information processing apparatus and the personal identification
25 information to another information processing apparatus that associates and records the personal identification information, the system identification information, system internal user identification information used in the local system to identify the user, and shared data about the user; and

 receiving, from the other information processing apparatus, the shared data associated with the transmitted personal identification information and the system
30 internal user identification information associated with the personal identification information and the system identification information that are transmitted.

[0147]

In the foregoing, it is assumed that personal information such as the name, date of birth, address, telephone number, insurance card No. and the like of the user is recorded in the pharmacy internal database 51 or the hospital internal database 91, but such personal information may also be recorded in, for example, as shown in FIG. 8, the IC card 14. In FIG. 8, the same reference signs are attached to elements corresponding to those in FIG. 1 and the description thereof is omitted when appropriate.

[0148]

In the example of FIG. 8, the personal identification ID specific to the user (patient) and personal information of the user such as the name, date of birth, sex and the like are recorded in the IC card 14 possessed by the user. In addition, personal information recorded in the IC card 14 may further include the address, telephone number, insurance card No. of the user and the like.

[0149]

When the personal identification ID and personal information of the user are recorded in the IC card 14 as described above, personal information of the user is not recorded in the pharmacy internal system 11, more specifically, in the pharmacy internal database 51 of the pharmacy internal medical receipt computer 33.

[0150]

In this example, the dispensing pharmacy ID or dispensing pharmacy internal user ID is recorded in the pharmacy internal system 11 as information about the user or the like and personal information of the user is not recorded. In addition, drug history data may be recorded in the pharmacy internal system 11.

[0151]

Like the pharmacy internal system 11, the hospital ID or hospital internal user ID is recorded in the hospital internal system 12 without personal information of the user being recorded.

[0152]

Further in this case, like in the case of FIG. 1, the dispensing pharmacy ID (hospital ID), dispensing pharmacy internal user ID (hospital internal user ID), drug

history data, personal identification ID and the like are recorded in the data center 13, more specifically, in the server database 121 of the data server 111.

[0153]

When the personal identification ID and personal information of the user are
5 recorded in the IC card 14 as described above, the personal information is read from the IC card 14 and used by the pharmacy internal system 11 or the hospital internal system 12 when necessary in each process described with reference to FIGS. 4 and 6.

[0154]

In this case, personal information of the user is recorded in the IC card 14
10 and the personal information is not recorded in the pharmacy internal system 11 or the hospital internal system 12 and so if the IC card 14 is once issued (or registered), registration work in other pharmacies is not needed. That is, there is no need to input personal information and the like into the pharmacy internal system 11 in a pharmacy or the like used for the first time. Then, the identity of the user can be
15 confirmed by reading personal information from the IC card 14 when necessary in the pharmacy internal system 11 or the like.

[0155]

Further, as shown in FIG. 9, the personal identification ID and personal
information such as the name, date of birth, sex and the like of the user may be
20 recorded in the mobile terminal apparatus 15 such as a mobile phone possessed by the user. In addition, personal information recorded in the mobile terminal apparatus 15 may further include the address, telephone number, insurance card No. of the user and the like. In FIG. 9, the same reference signs are attached to elements corresponding to those in FIG. 1 and the description thereof is omitted when
25 appropriate.

[0156]

In the example of FIG. 9, like in FIG. 8, personal information of the user is not recorded in the pharmacy internal system 11 or the hospital internal system 12 and the personal information is read from the mobile terminal apparatus 15 and used
30 when necessary in the pharmacy internal system 11 or the hospital internal system 12.

[0157]

Further in the example of FIG. 9, the password preset by the user or the like is recorded in the mobile terminal apparatus 15 and the password is also recorded in the data center 13, in addition to drug history data and the personal identification ID. The password is used for personal authentication when a drug history is referred to.

5 [0158]

That is, the user can refer to the drug history recorded in the data center 13 by using the mobile terminal apparatus 15. In this case, the mobile terminal apparatus 15 transmits the personal identification ID and password to the data center 13 in accordance with user's operation.

10 [0159]

Then, the data center 13 reads drug history data associated with the personal identification ID and password received from the mobile terminal apparatus 15 and transmits the drug history data to the mobile terminal apparatus 15. The mobile terminal apparatus 15 receives the drug history data transmitted from the data center 13 and displays the data when appropriate.

[0160]

By recording the personal identification ID and password in the data center 13 and the mobile terminal apparatus 15 as described above, the user can refer to the user's drug history data by operating the mobile terminal apparatus 15 without visiting a pharmacy.

20 [0161]

Further, as shown in FIG. 10, the mobile terminal apparatus 15 may read and record personal information such as the name, date of birth, sex and the like of the user, the personal identification ID, and the password from a QR code (registered trademark) CD11. In FIG. 10, the same reference signs are attached to elements corresponding to those in FIG. 1 and the description thereof is omitted when appropriate.

[0162]

In the example of FIG. 10, the personal identification ID is recorded in the IC card 14 of the user and personal information such as the name, date of birth, sex and the like of the user and the password are recorded in the pharmacy internal

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system 11. In the data center 13, in addition to drug history information and the personal identification ID, the password is recorded.

[0163]

5 In such a case, personal information such as the name, date of birth, sex and the like, the personal identification ID, and the password are not recorded in the mobile terminal apparatus 15 in its initial state.

[0164]

10 When, for example, the user possesses the IC card 14 and the mobile terminal apparatus 15 and uses a pharmacy provided with the pharmacy internal system 11, the pharmacist or the like operates the pharmacy internal system 11 in accordance with a user's desire to generate the QR code (registered trademark) CD11. That is, the pharmacy internal system 11 reads the personal identification ID from the IC card 14 and also generates the QR code (registered trademark) CD11 from the read personal identification ID, personal information such as the name, date of birth, sex, and the like of the recorded user, and the password.

15 [0165]

The QR code (registered trademark) CD11 contains personal information such as the name, date of birth, sex and the like of the user, the password, and the personal identification ID as information.

20 [0166]

Then, the user causes the mobile terminal apparatus 15 to read and record information contained in the QR code (registered trademark) CD11 by using a camera or the like provided in the mobile terminal apparatus 15. Accordingly, personal information such as the name, date of birth, sex and the like of the user, the password, and the personal identification ID read from the QR code (registered trademark) CD11 are recorded in the mobile terminal apparatus 15.

25 [0167]

Then, the user can subsequently refer to drug history data and the like by operating the mobile terminal apparatus 15 to, like the example in FIG. 9, directly access the data center 13 from the mobile terminal apparatus 15.

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Reference Signs List

[0168]

	11	pharmacy internal system
	13	data center
5	32	pharmacy internal apparatus
	33	pharmacy internal medical receipt computer
	41	acquisition unit
	42	data controller
	43	communication unit
10	51	pharmacy internal database
	111	data server
	121	server internal database
	122	communication unit
	123	update unit
15	124	user search unit
	125	drug history search unit

CLAIMS

Claim 1

An information processing apparatus comprising:

5 a receiving unit that receives personal identification information to identify a user and system identification information to identify a local system;

a recording unit that associates and records the personal identification information, the system identification information, system internal user identification information used in the local system to identify the user, and shared data about the user;

10 a data search unit that searches for the shared data associated with the received personal identification information;

a user search unit that searches for the system internal user identification information associated with the received personal identification information and the received system identification information; and

15 a transmitting unit that transmits the shared data and the system internal user identification information that are obtained in a search.

Claim 2

20 The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the shared data is data on health of the user.

Claim 3

The information processing apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the receiving unit further includes an update unit that receives the 25 personal identification information, the system identification information, the system internal user identification information, and the shared data which is new and

associates the personal identification information, the system identification information, the system internal user identification information, and the new shared data that are received, to record the information and the data in the recording unit.

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Claim 4

The information processing apparatus according to claim 3,
wherein the system identification information is a hash value obtained by
hashing information determining the local system.

5 Claim 5

 An information processing method of an information processing apparatus,
the method comprising:

 receiving personal identification information to identify a user and system
identification information to identify a local system;

10 searching for shared data associated with the received personal
identification information in the personal identification information, the system
identification information, system internal user identification information used in the
local system to identify the user, and the shared data about the user that are recorded
in a recording unit by being associated with each other;

15 searching for the system internal user identification information associated
with the received personal identification information and the received system
identification information in the personal identification information, the system
identification information, the system internal user identification information, and the
shared data that are recorded in the recording unit by being associated with each
20 other; and

 transmitting the shared data and the system internal user identification
information that are obtained in a search.

 Claim 6

25 A program for causing a computer that controls an information processing
apparatus to execute processes comprising:

 receiving personal identification information to identify a user and system
identification information to identify a local system;

 searching for shared data associated with the received personal
30 identification information in the personal identification information, the system
identification information, system internal user identification information used in the

local system to identify the user, and the shared data about the user that are recorded in a recording unit by being associated with each other;

searching for the system internal user identification information associated with the received personal identification information and the received system identification information in the personal identification information, the system
5 identification information, the system internal user identification information, and the shared data that are recorded in the recording unit by being associated with each other; and

transmitting the shared data and the system internal user identification
10 information that are obtained in a search.

Claim 7

An information processing apparatus comprising:

an acquisition unit that acquires personal identification information
15 identifying a user;

a transmitting unit that transmits system identification information identifying a local system including the information processing apparatus and the personal identification information to another information processing apparatus that associates and records the personal identification information, the system
20 identification information, system internal user identification information used in the local system to identify the user, and shared data about the user; and

a receiving unit that receives, from the other information processing apparatus, the shared data associated with the transmitted personal identification information and the system internal user identification information associated with
25 the personal identification information and the system identification information that are transmitted.

Claim 8

The information processing apparatus according to claim 7,
30 wherein the shared data is data on health of the user.

Claim 9

The information processing apparatus according to claim 8,
wherein the system identification information is a hash value obtained by
hashing information determining the local system.

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Claim 10

The information processing apparatus according to claim 9, wherein
the local system includes a recording unit that associates and records the
system identification information, the system internal user identification information,
and the shared data.

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Claim 11

An information processing method of an information processing apparatus,
the method comprising:

acquiring personal identification information identifying a user;
transmitting system identification information identifying a local system
including the information processing apparatus and the personal identification
information to another information processing apparatus that associates and records
the personal identification information, the system identification information, system
internal user identification information used in the local system to identify the user,
and shared data about the user; and

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receiving, from the other information processing apparatus, the shared data
associated with the transmitted personal identification information and the system
internal user identification information associated with the personal identification
information and the system identification information that are transmitted.

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Claim 12

A program for causing a computer that controls an information processing
apparatus to execute processes comprising:

acquiring personal identification information identifying a user;
transmitting system identification information identifying a local system

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including the information processing apparatus and the personal identification information to another information processing apparatus that associates and records the personal identification information, the system identification information, system internal user identification information used in the local system to identify the user,
5 and shared data about the user; and

receiving, from the other information processing apparatus, the shared data associated with the transmitted personal identification information and the system internal user identification information associated with the personal identification information and the system identification information that are transmitted.