CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method comprising:

receiving a first set of data from an ingestible scanner inside a body of a patient at a first moment in time;

identifying a point of interest within the body based on the first set of data;

determining a location of the point of interest within the body in relation to the ingestible scanner;

directing an external scanner to the point of interest identified with the first set of data from the ingestible scanner based on the location of the point of interest in relation to the ingestible scanner; and

scanning the point of interest with the external scanner at the first moment in time.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the determining is performed by a technique selected from the group consisting of echolocation, doppler location, x-ray scan, and triangulation.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the ingestible scanner is an ingestible ultrasonic scanner and the external scanner is an x-ray scanner.

4. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

determining a configuration of the external scanner based on the first set of data.

5. The method of claim 4, wherein the configuration includes an angle of the external scanner relative to the point of interest.

6. The method of claim 4, wherein the configuration includes an area of exposure for the external scanner.

7. The method of claim 4 wherein the determining further includes:

determining a category for the point of interest;

receiving a set of historical data based on the category;

comparing the first set of data to the historical data; and

configuring the external scan based on the comparing.

8. The method of claim 7, wherein the set of historical data includes a type of external scan and a configuration of the external scan.

9. The method of claim 1, wherein the point of interest is automatically scanned with the external scanner at the first moment in time.

10. A computer program product, the computer program product comprising a computer readable storage medium having program instructions embodied therewith, the program instructions executable by a computer to cause the computer to:

receive a first set of data from an ingestible scanner inside a body of a patient at the first moment in time;

identify a point of interest within the body based on the first set of data;

determine a location of the point of interest within the body in relation to the ingestible scanner;

directing an external scanner to the point of interest identified with the first set of data from the ingestible scanner based on the location of the point of interest in relation to the ingestible scanner; and

scan the point of interest with the external scanner at the first moment in time.

11. The computer program product of claim 10, wherein the determining is performed by a technique selected from the group consisting of echolocation, doppler location, x-ray scan, and triangulation.

12. The computer program product of claim 10, wherein the ingestible scanner is an ingestible ultrasonic scanning device and the external scanner is an x-ray scanner.

13. The computer program product of claim 10, further comprising:

determining a configuration of the external scanner based on the first set of data.

14. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the configuration includes an angle of the external scanner relative to the point of interest.

15. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the configuration includes an area of exposure for the external scanner.

16. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the determining further includes:

determining a category for the point of interest;

receiving a set of historical data based on the category;

comparing the first set of data to the historical data; and

configuring the external scan based on the comparing.

17. A system comprising:

a processor; and

a memory in communication with the processor, the memory containing program instructions that, when executed by the processor, are configured to cause the processor to perform a method, the method comprising:

receiving a first set of data from an ingestible scanner inside a body of a patient;

identifying a point of interest within the body based on the first set of data at a first moment in time;

determining a location of the point of interest within the body in relation to the ingestible scanner;

directing an external scanner to the point of interest identified with the first set of data from the ingestible scanner based on the location of the point of interest in relation to the ingestible scanner; and

scanning the point of interest with the external scanner at the first moment in time.

18. The system of claim 17, wherein the determining is performed by a technique selected from the group consisting of echolocation, doppler location, x-ray scan, and triangulation.

19. The system of claim 17, wherein the ingestible scanner is an ingestible ultrasonic scanning device and the external scanner is an x-ray scanner.

20. The system of claim 17, further comprising: determining a configuration of the external scanner based on the first set of data.