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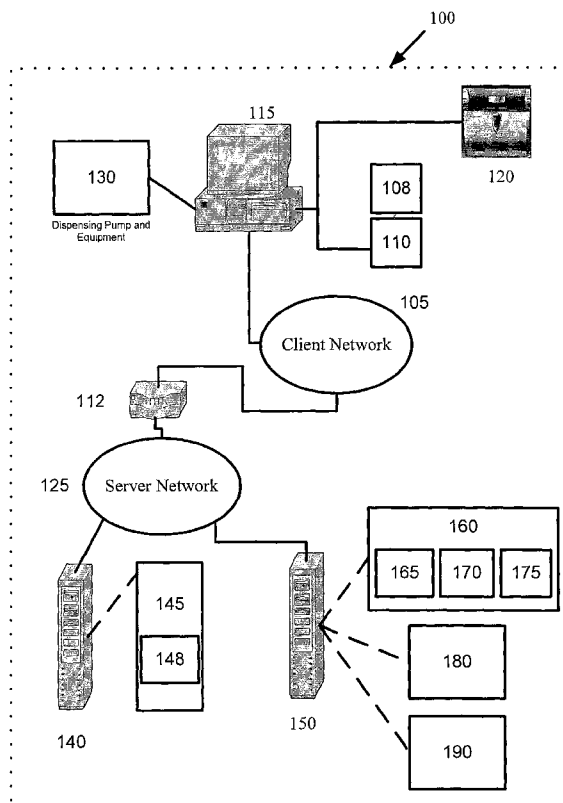
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(57) Abstract: A computerised identity matching management process for the supply of a pharmaceutical substance to an authorised person. The process identifies a person who is requesting the supply of the substance which includes the steps of a management computer receiving a request, from capture apparatus waiting to commence a biometric capture process representative of the person to initiate the capture process. The management computer responds to the request to return a message to the capture apparatus at a first instant in time, the message containing a unique code, and receipt of the message containing the code at the capture apparatus causes initiation of the capture process. The management computer, after returning the message, receives a captured biometric representative of the person from the capture apparatus coded with the code, at a second instant in time. The management computer operates, when the second instant is less than a predetermined time later than the first instant, to decode the captured biometric and initiate a matching process to find a match for the decoded captured biometric against stored biometric records and to retrieve an identification code representative of the person when a match is found. The management computer retrieves a date stamp and uses the identification code to retrieve a data record of the person which includes at least a substance the person is prescribed, a quantity in which the substance is to be supplied and a date at which the substance is to be supplied and determines whether the date stamp matches the date at which the substance is to be supplied. If a match is determined, the substance is supplied in the prescribed quantity and information is recorded to form a record to update the supply of the substance to the person.

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