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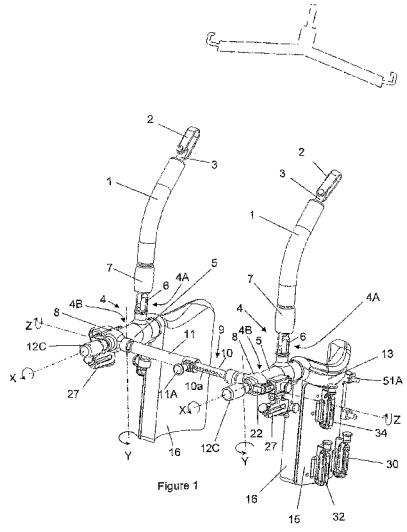

Figure 1

(57) Abstract: The invention provides a patient lifting frame for use with an invalid hoist for lifting and supporting an invalid patient. There is connected a patient lower body support means (28,28') for engaging and supporting the posterior or upper legs of the patient. The patient upper body support frame comprises a pair of side frame elements (13,15,16) including patient underarm support elements (13) for passing beneath the armpits of the patient and a pair of padded side plates (15,16), one suspended from each of the said patient underarm support elements (13) of the side frame elements, which engage in use against opposite sides of the patient's ribcage and are drawn in against the ribcage by straps (29,33) connecting together the padded side plates (15,16). The patient upper body support frame further comprises a link bar assembly (9) connecting together the side frame elements.