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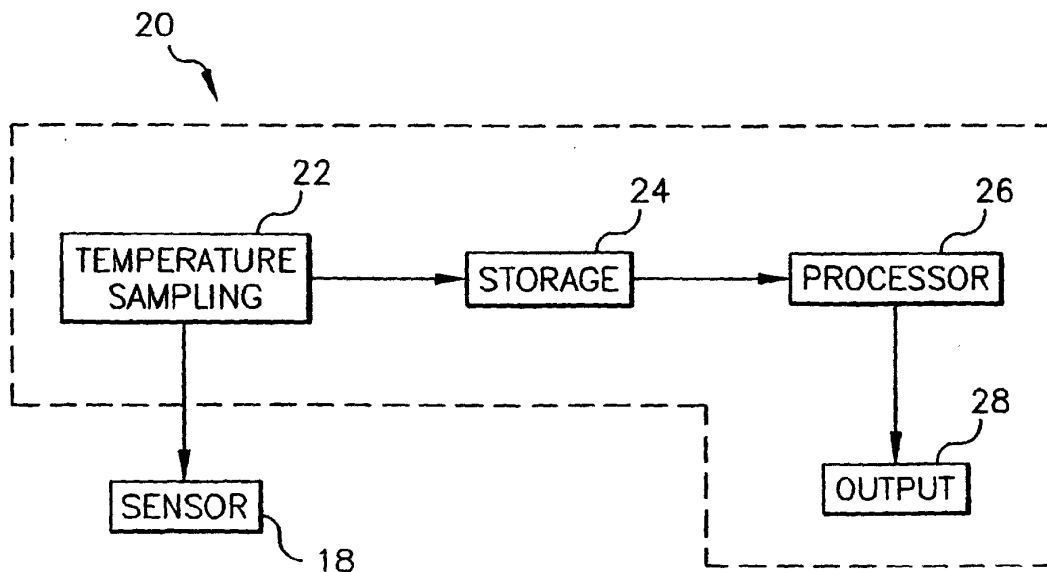
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(54) **Technique for diagnosing attention deficit disorder**

(57) A method of determining whether an individual has Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) comprising: sampling the peripheral skin temperature of a human subject during a predetermined time interval when the subject

is in an inactive state to provide sampled peripheral skin temperature data; and analyzing the sampled peripheral skin temperature data for a pre-selected parameter, to determine whether said pre-selected parameter has a value indicative of ADD.



**FIG. 2**



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摘要(译)

一种确定个体是否具有注意力缺陷障碍 ( ADD ) 的方法，包括：在受试者处于非活动状态的预定时间间隔内对人受试者的外周皮肤温度进行采样，以提供采样的外周皮肤温度数据；并且分析针对预选参数的采样的外周皮肤温度数据，以确定所述预选参数是否具有指示ADD的值。

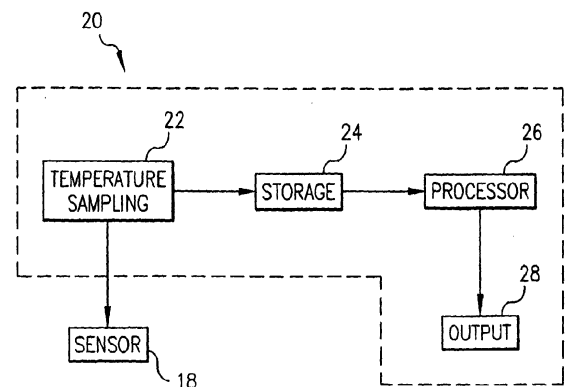


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