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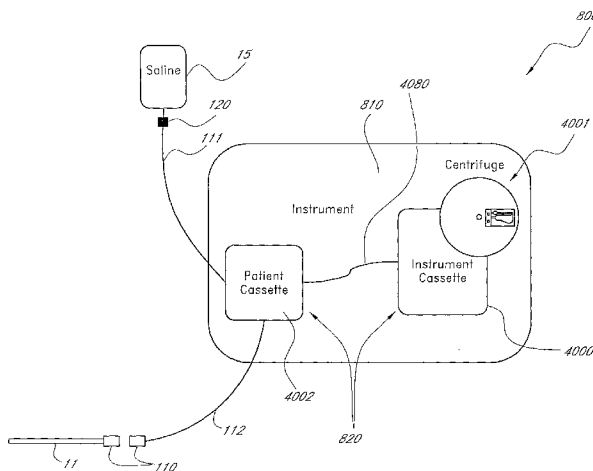
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(57) Abstract: A fluid handling system for use in bodily fluid analysis. The system comprises a first fluid handling module (4002) configured to interface with a main instrument (810). The first fluid handling module has a first fluid handling network and the first fluid handling network includes an infusate passage and an infusion fluid pressure member suitable for moving fluid within the infusate passage. The fluid handling system also has a second fluid handling module (4000) separate from the first module which is configured to interface with the main instrument. The second fluid handling module has a second fluid handling network and at least one sample analysis cell (2448) which is accessible via the second fluid handling network. The first and second modules are configured to interconnect and provide fluid communication between the first and second fluid handling network and the sample cells.

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1. claims: 1-14

fluid component separator  
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2. claims: 15-32

first housing engaging the instrument  
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3. claims: 33-57

return of the balance of said drawn volume to the patient in  
less than five minutes after said drawing was completed  
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