

Room Scale Virtual/Hybrid Reality Endoscopic Surgery Simulation System Using and Synchronized Patient-Specific Anatomy Virtual and Physical Models

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Technology description

Invention

This invention provides medical students and professionals the ability to practice surgical techniques in virtual reality with true hepatic feedback. This technology is currently designed for otolaryngology procedures where users are provided with a virtual reality headset and imitation medical tools for operating on a tangible model head.

Background

Typically, medical students are able to practice surgical techniques on a cadaver one time during their education. While this is helpful, students would benefit from being able to practice their surgical procedures multiple times throughout medical school. Studies show that limited surgical exposure in medical school corresponds to longer surgery times and more complications after graduate school. Although virtual surgery is an option already on the market, the technology presented here builds upon what's currently available by enabling hepatic feedback within virtual surgery.

Application area

Currently limited to Otolaryngology surgical procedures

Potential to expand and encompass other surgical procedures

Advantages

Provides hepatic feedback
Includes the use of medical modeled tools
Useful across various surgical fields
Seamlessly synchronized with physical and virtual models
Prompts a warning when entering surgical danger zones
Less expensive than other comparable virtual simulators
Operates on consumer-grade VR equipment

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