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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A guidance apparatus is provided for use with a portable
imaging apparatus and an image display device. The guid-
ance apparatus includes a sleeve portion structured for
receiving an imaging apparatus and a coupling mechanism.
The coupling mechanism has a rotating portion and first and
second connecting portions structured for coupling the
image display device to the imaging apparatus. During use,
the coupling mechanism facilitates orienting the image
display device relative to the imaging apparatus to provide
a direct line of sight of an area imaged by the imaging
apparatus. The coupling mechanism may be adjustable for
facilitating rotation of the image display device about a
longitudinal axis of the imaging apparatus. Also, the cou-
pling mechanism can be structured to allow the combination
of the coupling mechanism, the image display device, and
the imaging apparatus to be held in a single hand of a user
during performance of a medical procedure.

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