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[54] **BITE-BLOCK FOR PROTECTING THE MOUTH OF A PATIENT RECEIVING ELECTROCONVULSIVE THERAPY**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A bite-block for protecting the mouth of a patient receiving electroconvulsive therapy includes a U-shaped frame made from a unitary piece of a flexible material, such as expanded polyethylene foam, having a first side and an opposite second side. The U-shaped frame includes a body portion and two spaced-apart lobes extending therefrom. The two lobes define a gap therebetween. A force absorbing pad extends upwardly from the first side along at least a portion of each of the two lobes. A handle portion may be added so that the frame is Y-shaped.

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