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[54] **GRAPHICAL COMPUTER SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR APPOINTMENT SCHEDULING**

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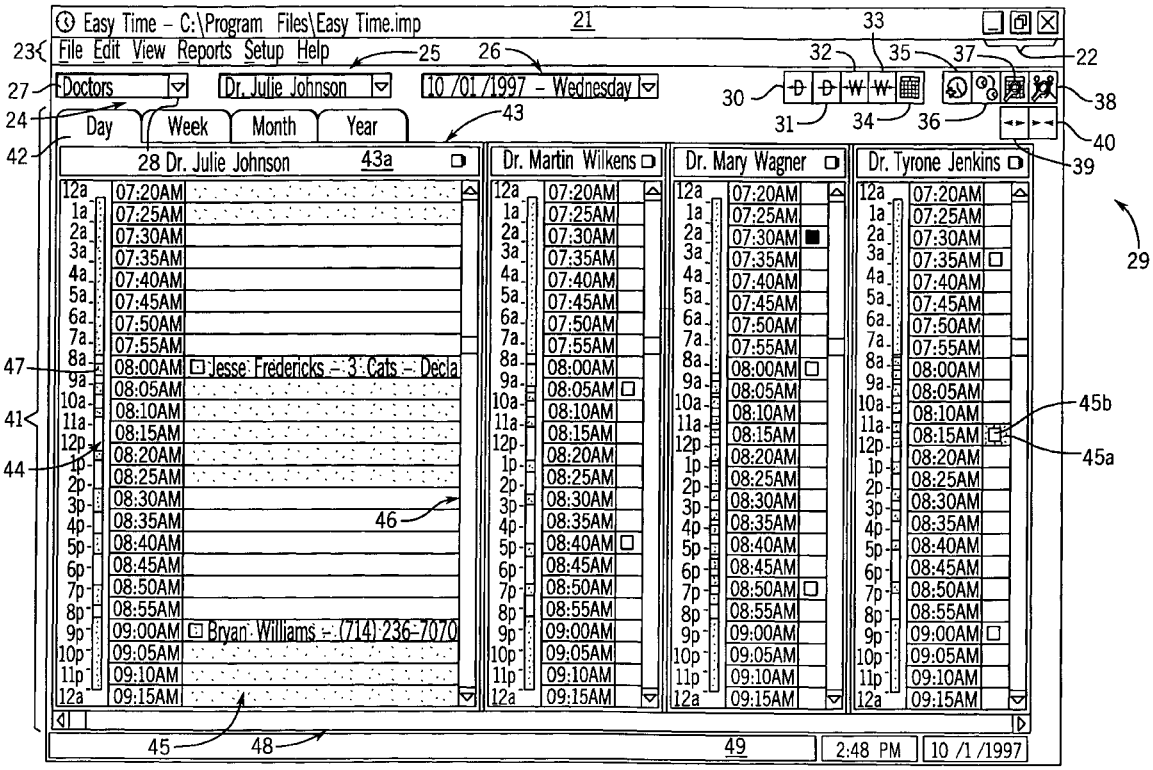
[57] **ABSTRACT**

A computer program stored in a storage medium and a computer-implemented method for scheduling appointments for an office or business includes program code for displaying screen displays on a computer monitor, including a day view screen display **(18)** with a plurality of thermometer-style schedules **(43)** having a vertical bar graph **(44)** opposite a daily appointment file **(45)** having multiple rows for entering appointment data. A horizontal scroll bar **(48)** allows the schedules to be displayed over a distance that is wider than a display area on the screen. The vertical bar graph **(44)** includes color-coded bars **(47)** to signify the status of appointments as: i) prior to check-in, ii) after check-in and iii) canceled appointments. In a "day view" schedules are arranged by selecting a group from a group list **(24)**. The appointments can be predetermined as to type and duration, and a scheduler can refer to a list **(63)** of such pre-configured appointments **(65)** in scheduling patients. Various types of color-coding arrangements and icons are provided for patient status.

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