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Abstract

A camera assembly may include a camera and one or more heat sinks configured to dissipate heat generated by the camera. The heat sinks being in thermal contact with a printed circuit board including the camera. A housing of the camera assembly may be configured to maintain the camera in a fixed position while the camera assembly is mounted on a medical device such as a dispensing cabinet. The camera in the fixed position may have a deterministic field of view that includes a first area in which interactions with the medical device and adjacent medical devices occurs or is expected to occur. The deterministic field of view of the camera may further exclude a second area where surveillance is unsuitable, prohibited, and/or unnecessary. Images captured by the camera may be analyzed to detect anomalous behavior such as diversion, medical error, hazardous behavior, and protocol noncompliance.

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Background/Summary

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION (1) This application is a continuation of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 17/733,498 filed Apr. 29, 2022, entitled “SURVEILLANCE CAMERA,” which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 63/181,839, filed Apr. 29, 2021, entitled “SURVEILLANCE CAMERA”. The disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

TECHNICAL FIELD

(1) The subject matter described herein relates generally to optical equipment and more specifically to a surveillance camera.

BACKGROUND

(2) Diversion may refer to the transfer of a controlled and/or high-value substance to a third party who is not legally authorized to receive, possess, and/or consume the substance for personal use or personal gain. High-value and/or controlled prescription medications, notably opioids, may be especially prone to diversion. For instance, a prescription pain medication may be diverted when a clinician keeps the prescription pain medication for unauthorized personal use instead of administering the prescription pain medication to a patient or wasting the prescription pain medication. As such, diversion detection, investigation, and prevention may require surveillance of various interactions with high-value and/or controlled substances.

SUMMARY

(3) Systems, methods, and articles of manufacture are provided for a surveillance camera configured to monitor activities at one or more medical devices. The surveillance camera may capture one or more images of the activities at a medical device including, for example, a diagnostic apparatus, an infusion pump, a dispensing cabinet, a wasting station, and/or the like. The one or more images may be used in workflows associated with the detection, investigation, and prevention of various anomalous behavior. For example, the one or more images may be analyzed to determine whether the activities exhibit anomalies indicative of diversion, medical error, hazardous behavior, protocol noncompliance, and/or the like.

(4) To minimize complexity and opportunities for error during installation and operation, the position of the surveillance camera may be fixed such that the surveillance camera provides a deterministic field of view encompassing one or more areas of interest. For example, the housing of the surveillance camera may be configured to orient the surveillance camera in a direction and/or at an angle from which the surveillance camera is able to capture one or more interactions with a medical device once the surveillance camera is mounted on the medical device. In the case of a surveillance camera that is mounted to a dispensing cabinet, the position of the surveillance camera may be fixed to capture a clinician accessing the dispensing cabinet to retrieve and/or to return a medication. The fixed position further ensures privacy in sensitive areas such as patient care areas.

(5) In one aspect, there is provided an apparatus. The apparatus may include: a camera; one or more heat sinks configured to dissipate heat generated by the camera; and a housing configured to maintain the camera in a fixed position while the apparatus is mounted on a medical device, the housing having a first portion configured to be inserted into a cavity within a panel of the medical device, the first portion of the housing being further configured to receive one or more fasteners for securing the apparatus to the medical device, the camera in the fixed position having a deterministic field of view that includes a first area in which a first interaction with the medical device occurs or is expected to occur.

(6) In some variations, one or more features disclosed herein including the following features can

optionally be included in any feasible combination. The housing may maintain the camera at an angle from which the deterministic view of the camera includes the first area.

(7) In some variations, the housing may maintain the camera at an offset from which the deterministic field of view of the camera includes the first area.

(8) In some variations, the apparatus may be mounted at a height and/or an orientation from which the deterministic field of view of the camera includes the first area.

(9) In some variations, the deterministic field of view of the camera may further exclude a second area.

(10) In some variations, the camera may include one or more wide angle lenses and/or ultra wide angle lenses.

(11) In some variations, a second portion of the housing may be configured to remain outside of the cavity and form a flush mounting between the apparatus and an exterior surface of the panel of the medical device.

(12) In some variations, the one or more heat sinks may be an indentation in the housing of the apparatus. The indentation may be configured to receive and/or engage with a flange in the panel of medical device.

(13) In some variations, the one or more heat sinks may be in thermal contact with a printed circuit board including the camera.

(14) In some variations, an interface material may be interposed between a surface of the one or more heat sinks and the printed circuit board. The interface material may be configured to maximize the thermal contact between the one or more heat sinks and the printed circuit board.

(15) In some variations, the medical device may include a diagnostic apparatus, an infusion pump, a dispensing cabinet, a wasting station.

(16) In some variations, the deterministic field of view of the camera may further include a second area in which a second interaction with another medical device occurs or is expected to occur.

(17) In some variations, the camera may be configured to capture one or more images of the first interaction with the medical device.

(18) In some variations, the one or more images may be analyzed to detect an anomalous behavior including one or more of a diversion, a medical error, a hazardous behavior, and a protocol noncompliance.

(19) In some variations, the apparatus may further include a tamper detector configured to detect tampering at the apparatus and generate a signal in response to detecting a threshold level of tampering at the apparatus.

(20) In some variations, the tampering may include a removal of one or more fasteners securing the apparatus.

(21) In some variations, the tampering may include a change in the deterministic field of view of the camera.

(22) In some variations, the tamper detector may include at least one data processor and at least one memory storing instructions that result in operations when executed by the at least one data processor. The operations may include: analyzing an image of a current field of view of the camera by at least comparing the image to a reference image of a field of view of the camera; and detecting, based at least on the analysis indicating an above-threshold difference between the image and the reference image, the threshold level of tampering at the apparatus.

(23) In some variations, the analysis may include identifying one or more objects present in each of the image and the reference image, and comparing a location of the one or more objects in each of the image and the reference image.

(24) In some variations, the analysis may include comparing a first color histogram of the image and a second color histogram of the reference image.

(25) In some variations, the camera may be disabled in response to the signal indicating the threshold level of tampering at the apparatus.

(26) In some variations, the apparatus may further include a visual indicator of a status of the apparatus.

(27) In some variations, the visual indicator may include a light emitting diode configured to display a first color corresponding to a first status and a second color corresponding to a second status.

(28) In some variations, the first status and the second status may be a different one of the camera actively capturing or recording data, the camera being operational but not capturing or recording data, the camera being disabled, tampering being detected at the apparatus, and calibration being performed at the apparatus.

(29) In another aspect, there is provided a dispensing cabinet having an enclosure for storing one or more medications and/or medical supplies. The dispensing cabinet may further include a camera assembly including a camera, one or more heat sinks configured to dissipate heat generated by the camera, and a housing configured to maintain the camera in a fixed position while the camera assembly is mounted on the dispensing cabinet. At least a portion of the housing may be configured to be inserted into a cavity within a panel of the dispensing cabinet. At least the portion of the housing may be further configured to receive one or more fasteners for securing the camera assembly to the dispensing cabinet. The camera in the fixed position may have a deterministic field of view that includes a first area in which an interaction with the dispensing cabinet occurs or is expected to occur. The deterministic field of view may further exclude a second area.

(30) The details of one or more variations of the subject matter described herein are set forth in the accompanying drawings and the description below. Other features and advantages of the subject matter described herein will be apparent from the description and drawings, and from the claims. While certain features of the currently disclosed subject matter are described for illustrative purposes in relation to diversion detection, investigation, and prevention, it should be readily understood that such features are not intended to be limiting. The claims that follow this disclosure are intended to define the scope of the protected subject matter.

Description

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

(1) The accompanying drawings, which are incorporated in and constitute a part of this specification, show certain aspects of the subject matter disclosed herein and, together with the description, help explain some of the principles associated with the disclosed implementations. In the drawings,

(2) FIG. 1A depicts an exploded view of an example of a camera assembly, in accordance with some example embodiments;

(3) FIG. 1B depicts another exploded view of an example of a camera assembly, in accordance with some example embodiments;

(4) FIG. 2A depicts an assembled view of an example of a camera assembly, in accordance with some example embodiments;

(5) FIG. 2B depicts another assembled view of an example of a camera assembly, in accordance with some example embodiments;

(6) FIG. 3 depicts a perspective view of an example of a mounted camera assembly, in accordance with some example embodiments;

(7) FIG. 4 depicts a perspective view of a cross section of an example of a mounted camera assembly, in accordance with some example embodiments;

(8) FIG. 5 depicts a side view of an example of a mounted camera assembly, in accordance with some example embodiments;

(9) FIG. 6 depicts a side view of a cross section of an example of a mounted camera assembly, in

accordance with some example embodiments; and

(10) FIG. 7 depicts a schematic diagram illustrating an example of a medication management system, in accordance with some example embodiments.

(11) When practical, similar reference numbers denote similar structures, features, or elements.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

(12) Anomalous behavior, such as diversion, medical error, hazardous behavior, and protocol noncompliance, may occur at any point in time during the lifecycle of a medication including, for example, the shipping, receiving, stocking, dispensing, administration, and/or wasting of the medication. Prescription pain medications may be especially prone to diversion due to a lack of sufficient custodial oversight during, for instance, the shipping, receiving, stocking, dispensing, administration, and/or wasting of the prescription pain medication. The detection, investigation, and prevention of anomalous behavior may therefore require surveillance during each stage of the lifecycle of the prescription pain medication in order to observe and document various interactions with the prescription pain medication. To that end, surveillance cameras may be deployed to capture still images and/or videos of the interactions with the prescription pain medication.

However, a conventional surveillance camera may be difficult to integrate into existing medication management systems at least because a proper placement and orientation at which the surveillance camera has an unobstructed view of the interactions with the prescription pain medication may be difficult to achieve. Furthermore, conventional cameras in care settings can present opportunities for using the cameras to accidentally or deliberately capture sensitive information within the care area such as images of patients, care givers, medical records, or the like.

(13) In some example embodiments, a surveillance camera may be configured to provide a deterministic field of view encompassing one or more areas of interest. For example, the surveillance camera may include a housing configured to orient the surveillance camera at an angle from which the surveillance camera is able to capture one or more interactions with a medical device once the surveillance camera is mounted on or adjacent to the medical device. Examples of the medical device may include a diagnostic apparatus, an infusion pump, a dispensing cabinet, and a wasting station. When the surveillance camera is mounted to a dispensing cabinet, for example, the surveillance camera may be fixed at a position from which the surveillance camera is able to capture one or more images of various clinicians accessing the dispensing cabinet to retrieve and/or to return a medication. For instance, the surveillance camera may be motion activated such that the surveillance camera may capture the one or more images in response to detecting motion in the one or more areas of interest. The one or more images may be still images and/or form a part of a video. The images captured by the surveillance camera may be used in workflows associated with the detection, investigation, and prevention of various anomalous behavior. For instance, the one or more images may be analyzed to determine whether the activities exhibit anomalies indicative of diversion, medical error, hazardous behavior, protocol noncompliance, and/or the like.

(14) FIGS. 1A-B depict exploded views of an example of a camera assembly **100**, in accordance with some example embodiments. Assembled views of the example of the camera assembly **100** are shown in FIGS. 2A-B. Referring to FIGS. 1A-B, the camera assembly **100** may include a housing **105** configured to house a first printed circuit board (PCB) **110a** including a camera **115** and a second printed board **110b**. As shown in FIGS. 1A-B, the housing **105** may include one or more cavities configured to accommodate the first printed circuit board **110a** and the second printed circuit board **110b**. For example, the first printed circuit board **110a** and the second printed circuit board **110b** may be housed in a single cavity. Alternatively, the housing **105** may include two or more separate cavities, each of which containing one of the first printed circuit board **110a** and the second printed circuit board **110b**. Moreover, in the example of the camera assembly **100** shown in FIGS. 1A-B, the first printed circuit board **110a** and/or the second printed circuit board **110b** may be secured to the housing **105**, for example, using one or more fasteners **125**.

(15) The housing **105** may couple with one or more covers, such as a mid-cover **122** and a rear

cover **124**, in order to enclose around the first printed circuit board **110a** and the second printed circuit board **110b**. As shown in FIGS. **1A-B**, one or more fasteners **125** may be used to secure the mid-cover **122** and the rear cover **124** to the housing **105**. However, it should be appreciated that the mid-cover **122** and the rear cover **124** may be secured using any retention mechanism such as snap-fit, friction-fit, magnets, adhesives, and/or the like. The mid-cover **122** may be configured to maximize the field of view of the camera **115**. For example, the mid-cover **122** may include an aperture **127** configured to interface with the camera **115**. At least a portion of the surface around the aperture **127** may be a sloped plane that imposes minimal obstruction to the field of view of the camera **115**. Moreover, in the example of the camera assembly **100** shown in FIGS. **1A-B**, the mid-cover **122** may couple with a cover assembly **126** configured to protect the camera **115**, for example, transportation, installation, and/or use of the camera assembly **100**. For instance, as shown in FIG. **2A**, the cover assembly **126** may be transparent (or semi-transparent) such that the cover assembly **126** is able to protect the camera **115** without obscuring the field of view of the camera **115**.

(16) Referring again to FIGS. **1A-B**, the camera assembly **100** may include one or more features for providing heat dissipation. For example, the housing **105** of the camera assembly **100** may include one or more heat sinks, such as the heat sink **130**, formed from a thermally conductive material (e.g., a metal such as aluminum (Al) and/or the like) configured to dissipate heat generated by the first printed circuit board **110a** and/or the second printed circuit board **110b**. The heat sink **130** may direct heat away from the first printed circuit board **110a** and/or the second printed circuit board **110b**. To minimize power consumption and reduce bulk, the camera assembly **100** may include the heat sink **130** instead of a cooling fan. In the example of the camera assembly **100** shown in FIGS. **1A-B**, the heat sink **130** may be integrated into the housing **105**, for example, in the cavity housing the first printed circuit board **110a**. The heat sink **130** may be a separate component that is fastened to the housing **105**, for example, using adhesives (or another attachment mechanism). Alternatively, the heat sink **130** may be a projection formed in the housing **105** such that the heat sink **130** and the housing **105** are part of a single monolithic structure.

(17) The heat sink **130** may be oriented, positioned, shaped, and/or sized to maximize the thermal contact between one or more surfaces of the heat sink **130** and the first circuit board **110a**. Maximizing the thermal contact between the heat sink **130** and the first circuit board **110a** may maximize the heat dissipation and cooling effect achieved by the heat sink **130**. In some example embodiments, an interface material may be interposed between the first printed circuit board **110a** and the heat sink **130** to further maximize the thermal contact between the first printed circuit board **110** and the heat sink **130**. The housing **105** itself may be formed from a thermally conductive material (e.g., a metal such as aluminum (Al) and/or the like) to further maximize heat dissipation from the camera assembly **100**.

(18) Referring to FIGS. **1B** and **2B**, the camera assembly **100** may include a power cable **132** and a data cable **134**. The power cable **132** and the data cable **134** may be coupled with the first printed circuit board **110a** and/or the second printed circuit board **110b**. The power cable **132** may provide an electric coupling between an external power source (e.g., a power outlet, a battery, and/or the like) and the first printed circuit board **110a** and/or the second printed circuit board **110b**. Meanwhile, the data cable **134** may be configured to provide a data connection to and from the first printed circuit board **110a** and/or the second printed circuit board **110b**. For example, the first printed circuit board **110a** and/or the second printed circuit board **110b** may be communicatively coupled, via the data cable **134**, to one or more wired networks and/or wireless networks such as a local area network (LAN), a virtual local area network (VLAN), a wide area network (WAN), a public land mobile network (PLMN), the Internet, and/or the like.

(19) The data connection may enable an exchange of data with the first printed circuit board **110a** and/or the second printed circuit board **110b** including, for example, the transmission of the one or more images captured by the camera **115** to a remote device for processing, analysis, and/or

storage. For example, the camera assembly **100** may include a transceiver to communicate data to and from the camera assembly **100**. In some example embodiments, the data cable **134** may provide data connection between the camera **115** and a remote device to enable an exchange of data such as the one or more images captured by the camera **115**. Alternatively and/or additionally, the data cable **134** may connect independently to a communication network such as via Ethernet or another networking technology.

(20) The data connection may be a wired connection and/or a wireless connection. For example, the camera assembly **100** may include a wireless transceiver (e.g., Bluetooth, Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE), Near Field Communication (NFC), Wi-Fi, cellular, and/or the like) that enables data to be exchanged wirelessly between the camera **115** and a remote device and/or a communication network. Alternatively and/or additionally, the data connection may be a wired connection, in which case the data cable **134** may provide a direct physical connection between the camera **115** and the remote device and/or communication network.

(21) In some example embodiments, the camera assembly **100** may be mounted on a medical device such as a diagnostic apparatus, an infusion pump, a dispensing cabinet, a wasting station, and/or the like. FIGS. 4-6 depict various views of an example of the camera assembly **100** mounted on a dispensing cabinet **300**, in accordance with some example embodiments. In the example shown in FIGS. 4-6, the camera assembly **100** may be mounted on top of the dispensing cabinet **300**. For example, a first portion of the camera assembly **100** may be inserted into a cavity within the top panel **310** of the dispensing cabinet. The first portion of the camera assembly **100** may be further configured to receive one or more fasteners **125** such that the first portion of the camera assembly **100**, upon being slid into the cavity within the top panel **310**, may be secured to the dispensing cabinet **300** with the one or more fasteners **125** (or a different retention mechanism such as snap-fit, friction-fit, magnets, adhesives, and/or the like). As shown in FIG. 1B, the first portion of the housing **105** may have a first height $h_{sub.1}$ while the second portion of the housing **105** may have a second height $h_{sub.2}$. The second height $h_{sub.2}$ may be less than the first height $h_{sub.1}$ such that the first portion of the camera assembly **100** extends above the second portion of the camera assembly. Once mounted, the first portion of the mounted camera assembly **100** shown in FIGS. 3-6, which remains outside of the panel **310**, may extend upward against the front exterior surface of the panel **310**. Contrastingly, the second portion of the camera assembly **100** may extend inward and be secured against one or more interior surfaces of the panel **310**.

(22) The cavity in the top panel **310** accommodating the second portion of the camera assembly **100** may be sealed around the mounted camera assembly **100**, for example, by one or more fascia panels **330** covering the front of the top panel **310**, which minimizes accessibility to the one or more fasteners **125** securing the camera assembly **100**. As such, once mounted, removing the camera assembly **100** from the dispensing cabinet **300** may require at least a partial disassembly of the camera assembly **100** and/or the dispensing cabinet **300**. These challenges may thwart efforts to remove the mounted camera assembly **100** and evade surveillance by the camera assembly **100**.

(23) In some implementations, the camera assembly **100** may include a tamper detector. The tamper detector may provide a signal or message when a threshold level of tampering is detected at the camera assembly **100**. The tamper detection may include identifying removal of one or more fasteners. The tamper detection may include detecting motion such as via an accelerometer. The tamper detection may be optical such as using a light detector to on a side of the camera assembly **100** facing the dispensing cabinet **300**. When installed, light the light detector will be obstructed at the interface between a first surface of the camera assembly **100** and corresponding surface of the dispensing cabinet **300**. However, if the camera assembly **100** is moved or angled away from the dispensing cabinet **300**, the tamper detector may generate a tamper detection signal. The tamper detector may include software. For example, upon installation, an ideal image of the desired field of view may be captured. Periodically, the tamper detector may capture an image of the current field of view and compare the image with the ideal image. The comparison may include identifying

and comparing locations of objects in the images such as light fixtures, tile markings, walls, and the like. The comparison may include generating a color histogram for each image and determining whether there is a correspondence between the histograms. Upon detection of tampering, the camera **115** may be disabled until reset such as by an administrator using a device in communication with the camera assembly **100** or activation of an electromechanical switch or button using a specialized tool or sequence of activation.

(24) The housing **105** of the camera assembly **100** may be configured to provide a flush mounting between the camera assembly **100** and the dispensing cabinet **300**. For example, as shown in FIG. 5, once mounted, a first surface **320a** of the camera assembly **100** may conform to a second surface **320b** of the panel **310** such that the first surface **320a** is flush against the second surface **320b**. In the example shown in FIG. 5, the flush mounting may be achieved by the first surface **320a** and the second surface **320b** having a same shape or complementary shapes. Moreover, in the cross section of the mounted camera assembly **100** shown in FIG. 6, the heat sink **130** may be formed by an indentation in the housing **105** with the indentation receiving and/or engaging with a flange in the panel **310** to achieve the flush mounting. The flush mounting may improve the aesthetics of the mounted camera assembly **100** as well as thwart efforts to remove the camera assembly **100** once the camera assembly **100** is mounted to the dispensing cabinet **300**.

(25) In some example embodiments, the housing **105** of the camera assembly **100** may be configured to maintain the camera **115** at an orientation and position that maximizes the field of view of the camera **115** mounted on the dispensing cabinet **100**. As shown in FIG. 6, the housing **105** may maintain the camera **115** at an angle α and an offset d from a front surface of the dispensing cabinet **300** (e.g., the door **320** and/or the like). Moreover, the camera assembly **100** may be mounted at a height h (see FIG. 4) while the lens of the camera **115** may have a focal length l . For example, the camera **115** may include one or more wide angle lens or ultra wide angle lens (e.g., fisheye lens and/or the like). The camera **115** may capture visible or non-visible light. In some implementations, a thermal imaging camera may be included. A thermal imaging camera may be used to capture thermal data about a user of the dispensing cabinet. For example, thermal characteristics may indicate potential opioid use or identify clinicians who are ill (e.g., fever) and should not be working with patients. The angle α may be selected based on the drawers included in the dispensing cabinet **300** to ensure that the camera **115** can capture interaction with contents of each drawer when fully extended from the dispensing cabinet.

(26) The housing **105** of the camera assembly **100** may also be configured to orient the camera **115** towards the one or more areas of interest. For instance, in the example shown in FIGS. 3-6 where the camera assembly **100** is mounted on the top of the dispensing cabinet **300**, the housing **105** of the camera assembly **100** may orient the camera **115** downwards at least because the interactions with the dispensing cabinet **300**, including accessing the door **320** to retrieve and/or return a medication to the dispensing cabinet **300**, are expected to transpire below the camera assembly **100**. In other examples, the camera assembly **100** may be mounted on a side of the dispensing cabinet **300**, in which case the housing **105** of the camera assembly **100** may orient the camera **105** sideways towards the one or more areas of interest. The camera assembly **100** may also be mounted on the bottom of the dispensing cabinet **300**, in which case the housing **105** of the camera assembly **100** may orient the **105** upwards.

(27) One or more of the orientation, the angle α , the offset d , the focal length l of the camera **115**, and the height h may be adjusted in order to maximize the field of view of the camera **115**. Alternatively and/or additionally, one or more of the orientation, the angle α , the offset d , the focal length l of the camera **115**, and the height h may be adjusted such that the field of view of the camera **115** includes the one or more areas of interest. One or more of the orientation, the angle α , the offset d , the focal length l of the camera **115**, and the height h may be adjusted in order to exclude one or more areas where surveillance is unsuitable, prohibited, and/or unnecessary. For instance, for the camera assembly **100** mounted on the dispensing cabinet **300**, the field of view of

the camera **115** may include one or more areas of interest where interactions with the dispensing cabinet **300** occur or are expected to occur. Such interactions may include a clinician accessing the dispensing cabinet **300**, for example, by opening the door **320** to retrieve and/or to return a medication before closing the door **320**.

(28) In some example embodiments, the field of view of the camera **115** may be deterministic. For example, the housing **105** of the camera assembly **100** may maintain the camera **115** in a fixed position (e.g., at the angle α and the offset d) to ensure that the field of view of the camera **115** includes the one or more areas of interest once the camera **115** is mounted to the dispensing cabinet **300**. In the fixed position, the field of view of the camera **115** may further exclude certain areas, for example, where surveillance is unsuitable, prohibited, or unnecessary. Maintaining the camera **115** in the fixed position may further prevent inadvertent changes to the field of view of the camera **115**, for example, during transit, installation, and/or operation.

(29) FIG. 7 depicts a schematic diagram illustrating an example of a medication management system **700** with the camera assembly **100**, in accordance with some example embodiments. In the example of the medication management system **700** shown in FIG. 7, one or more of the camera assemblies **100** may be mounted on top of a dispensing cabinet such as the dispensing cabinet **300**. Moreover, as shown in FIG. 7, the medication management system **700** may support a modular configuration in which the dispensing cabinet **300** may be stacked on top of and/or next to other dispensing cabinets such as a first dispensing cabinet **710a**, a second dispensing cabinet **710b**, a third dispensing cabinet **710c**, a fourth dispensing cabinet **710d**, and/or the like. In the example of the medication management system **700** shown in FIG. 7, the mounting height h of the camera assembly **100** may correspond to a combined height of the dispensing cabinet **300** and the first dispensing cabinet **710a**.

(30) In some example embodiments, the field of view of the camera **115** may be maximized in order to capture activities at the medication management system **700**. For example, the field of view of the camera **115** may include one or more areas of interest where interactions with the medication management system **700** occur or are expected to occur. Accordingly, the housing **105** of the camera assembly **100** may be configured to maintain the camera **115** in an orientation (e.g., downwards, upwards, sideways, and/or the like) and position (e.g., angle α , the offset d , and/or the like) from which the field of view of the camera **115** includes the one or more areas of interest. In the example of the medication management system **700** shown in FIG. 7, the field of view of the camera **115** may include one or more areas of interest where interactions with the dispensing cabinet **300** occur or are expected to occur. The camera **115** may therefore be able to capture one or more image of the activities at the medication management system **700**.

(31) The camera **115** may be motion activated such that the camera **115** may capture the one or more images in response to detecting motion within the one or more areas of interest where interactions with the dispensing cabinet **300** occur or are expected to occur. The one or more images may be still images and/or form a part of a video. The one or more images may be used in workflows associated with the detection, investigation, and prevention of various anomalous behavior associated with at least a portion of the medication dispensing system **700**. For instance, the one or more images may be analyzed to determine whether the activities exhibit anomalies indicative of diversion, medical error, hazardous behavior, protocol noncompliance, and/or the like.

(32) In some example embodiments, the field of view of the camera **115** may encompass one or more areas of interest where interactions with one or more adjacent medical devices such as dispensing cabinets occur or are expected to occur. As noted, the camera **115** may include one or more wide angle lenses and/or ultra wide angle lenses (e.g., fisheye lens and/or the like) such that the field of view of the camera **115** may extend beyond areas of interest associated with the dispensing cabinet **300** on which the camera assembly **100** is mounted. Thus, in the example of the medication management system **700** shown in FIG. 7, the field of view of the camera **115** may further include one or more areas of interest in which interactions with the first dispensing cabinet

710a, the second dispensing cabinet **710b**, the third dispensing cabinet **710c**, and/or the fourth dispensing cabinet **710d** occur or are expected to occur.

(33) The field of view of the camera **115** may be maximized, for example, to encompass adjacent medical devices by at least adjusting one or more of an orientation, angle α , offset d , focal length l , and mounting height h . Maximizing the field of view of the camera **115** to capture interactions with adjacent medical devices may improve the efficiency and cost effectiveness of the camera assembly **100**. For example, instead of installing the camera assembly **100** at each dispensing cabinet included in the medication management system **700**, a smaller quantity of the camera assembly **100** may be used to achieve the same (or comparable) coverage.

(34) The camera assembly **100** may include a visual indicator such as a light (e.g., a light emitting diode (LED) and/or the like) to indicate status of the camera **115**. Different colors may represent different statuses such as: camera is actively capturing or recording data; camera is operational but not capturing or recording; camera is disabled; camera tampering detected; camera is calibrating (e.g., capturing an image of an ideal field of view); or the like.

(35) In view of the above-described implementations of subject matter this application discloses the following list of examples, wherein one feature of an example in isolation or more than one feature of said example taken in combination and, optionally, in combination with one or more features of one or more further examples are further examples also falling within the disclosure of this application:

(36) Item 1: An apparatus, comprising: a camera; one or more heat sinks configured to dissipate heat generated by the camera; and a housing configured to maintain the camera in a fixed position while the apparatus is mounted on a medical device, the housing having a first portion configured to be inserted into a cavity within a panel of the medical device, the first portion of the housing being further configured to receive one or more fasteners for securing the apparatus to the medical device, the camera in the fixed position having a deterministic field of view that includes a first area in which a first interaction with the medical device occurs or is expected to occur.

(37) Item 2: The apparatus of Item 1, wherein the housing maintains the camera at an angle from which the deterministic view of the camera includes the first area.

(38) Item 3: The apparatus of any one of Items 1 to 2, wherein the housing maintains the camera at an offset from which the deterministic field of view of the camera includes the first area.

(39) Item 4: The apparatus of any one of Items 1 to 3, wherein the apparatus is mounted at a height and/or an orientation from which the deterministic field of view of the camera includes the first area.

(40) Item 5: The apparatus of any one of Items 1 to 4, wherein the deterministic field of view of the camera further excludes a second area.

(41) Item 6: The apparatus of any one of Items 1 to 5, wherein the camera includes one or more wide angle lenses and/or ultra wide angle lenses.

(42) Item 7: The apparatus of any one of Items 1 to 6, wherein a second portion of the housing is configured to remain outside of the cavity and form a flush mounting between the apparatus and an exterior surface of the panel of the medical device.

(43) Item 8: The apparatus of any one of Items 1 to 7, wherein the one or more heat sinks comprise an indentation in the housing of the apparatus, and wherein the indentation is configured to receive and/or engage with a flange in the panel of medical device.

(44) Item 9: The apparatus of any one of Items 1 to 8, wherein the one or more heat sinks are in thermal contact with a printed circuit board including the camera.

(45) Item 10: The apparatus of Item 9, wherein an interface material is interposed between a surface of the one or more heat sinks and the printed circuit board, and wherein the interface material is configured to maximize the thermal contact between the one or more heat sinks and the printed circuit board.

(46) Item 11: The apparatus of any one of Items 1 to 10, wherein the medical device comprises a

diagnostic apparatus, an infusion pump, a dispensing cabinet, a wasting station.

(47) Item 12: The apparatus of any one of Items 1 to 11, wherein the deterministic field of view of the camera further includes a second area in which a second interaction with another medical device occurs or is expected to occur.

(48) Item 13: The apparatus of any one of Items 1 to 12, wherein the camera is configured to capture one or more images of the first interaction with the medical device.

(49) Item 14: The apparatus of Item 13, wherein the one or more images are analyzed to detect an anomalous behavior including one or more of a diversion, a medical error, a hazardous behavior, and a protocol noncompliance.

(50) Item 15: The apparatus of any one of Items 1 to 14, further comprising: a tamper detector configured to detect tampering at the apparatus and generate a signal in response to detecting a threshold level of tampering at the apparatus.

(51) Item 16: The apparatus of Item 15, wherein the tampering includes a removal of one or more fasteners securing the apparatus.

(52) Item 17: The apparatus of any one of Items 15 to 16, wherein the tampering includes a change in the deterministic field of view of the camera.

(53) Item 18: The apparatus of any one of Items 15 to 17, wherein the tamper detector includes an optical sensor.

(54) Item 19: The apparatus of any one of Items 15 to 18, wherein the tamper detector comprises: at least one data processor; and at least one memory storing instructions, which when executed by the at least one data processor, result in operations comprising: analyzing an image of a current field of view of the camera by at least comparing the image to a reference image of a field of view of the camera; and detecting, based at least on the analysis indicating an above-threshold difference between the image and the reference image, the threshold level of tampering at the apparatus.

(55) Item 20: The apparatus of Item 19, wherein the analysis includes identifying one or more objects present in each of the image and the reference image, and comparing a location of the one or more objects in each of the image and the reference image.

(56) Item 21: The apparatus of any one of Items 19 to 20, wherein the analysis includes comparing a first color histogram of the image and a second color histogram of the reference image.

(57) Item 22: The apparatus of any one of Items 15 to 21, wherein the camera is disabled in response to the signal indicating the threshold level of tampering at the apparatus.

(58) Item 23: The apparatus of any one of Items 1 to 22, wherein the apparatus further comprises a visual indicator of a status of the apparatus.

(59) Item 24: The apparatus of Item 23, wherein the visual indicator comprises a light emitting diode configured to display a first color corresponding to a first status and a second color corresponding to a second status.

(60) Item 25: The apparatus of Item 24, wherein the first status and the second status comprises a different one of the camera actively capturing or recording data, the camera being operational but not capturing or recording data, the camera being disabled, tampering being detected at the apparatus, and calibration being performed at the apparatus.

(61) Item 26: A dispensing cabinet, comprising: an enclosure for storing one or more medications and/or medical supplies; and a camera assembly including a camera, one or more heat sinks configured to dissipate heat generated by the camera, and a housing configured to maintain the camera in a fixed position while the camera assembly is mounted on the dispensing cabinet, at least a portion of the housing being configured to be inserted into a cavity within a panel of the dispensing cabinet, at least the portion of the housing being further configured to receive one or more fasteners for securing the camera assembly to the dispensing cabinet, the camera in the fixed position having a deterministic field of view that includes a first area in which an interaction with the dispensing cabinet occurs or is expected to occur, and the deterministic field of view further excluding a second area.

(62) One or more aspects or features of the subject matter described herein can be realized in digital electronic circuitry, integrated circuitry, specially designed ASICs, field programmable gate arrays (FPGAs) computer hardware, firmware, software, and/or combinations thereof. These various aspects or features can include implementation in one or more computer programs that are executable and/or interpretable on a programmable system including at least one programmable processor, which can be special or general purpose, coupled to receive data and instructions from, and to transmit data and instructions to, a storage system, at least one input device, and at least one output device. The programmable system or computing system may include clients and servers. A client and server are generally remote from each other and typically interact through a communication network. The relationship of client and server arises by virtue of computer programs running on the respective computers and having a client-server relationship to each other.

(63) These computer programs, which can also be referred to as programs, software, software applications, applications, components, or code, include machine instructions for a programmable processor, and can be implemented in a high-level procedural and/or object-oriented programming language, and/or in assembly/machine language. As used herein, the term “machine-readable medium” refers to any computer program product, apparatus and/or device, such as for example magnetic discs, optical disks, memory, and Programmable Logic Devices (PLDs), used to provide machine instructions and/or data to a programmable processor, including a machine-readable medium that receives machine instructions as a machine-readable signal. The term “machine-readable signal” refers to any signal used to provide machine instructions and/or data to a programmable processor. The machine-readable medium can store such machine instructions non-transitorily, such as for example as would a non-transient solid-state memory or a magnetic hard drive or any equivalent storage medium. The machine-readable medium can alternatively or additionally store such machine instructions in a transient manner, such as for example, as would a processor cache or other random access memory associated with one or more physical processor cores.

(64) To provide for interaction with a user, one or more aspects or features of the subject matter described herein can be implemented on a computer having a display device, such as for example a cathode ray tube (CRT) or a liquid crystal display (LCD) or a light emitting diode (LED) monitor for displaying information to the user and a keyboard and a pointing device, such as for example a mouse or a trackball, by which the user may provide input to the computer. Other kinds of devices can be used to provide for interaction with a user as well. For example, feedback provided to the user can be any form of sensory feedback, such as for example visual feedback, auditory feedback, or tactile feedback; and input from the user may be received in any form, including acoustic, speech, or tactile input. Other possible input devices include touch screens or other touch-sensitive devices such as single or multi-point resistive or capacitive track pads, voice recognition hardware and software, optical scanners, optical pointers, digital image capture devices and associated interpretation software, and the like.

(65) In the descriptions above and in the claims, phrases such as “at least one of” or “one or more of” may occur followed by a conjunctive list of elements or features. The term “and/or” may also occur in a list of two or more elements or features. Unless otherwise implicitly or explicitly contradicted by the context in which it used, such a phrase is intended to mean any of the listed elements or features individually or any of the recited elements or features in combination with any of the other recited elements or features. For example, the phrases “at least one of A and B;” “one or more of A and B;” and “A and/or B” are each intended to mean “A alone, B alone, or A and B together.” A similar interpretation is also intended for lists including three or more items. For example, the phrases “at least one of A, B, and C;” “one or more of A, B, and C;” and “A, B, and/or C” are each intended to mean “A alone, B alone, C alone, A and B together, A and C together, B and C together, or A and B and C together.” Use of the term “based on,” above and in the claims is intended to mean, “based at least in part on,” such that an unrecited feature or element is also

permissible.

(66) The subject matter described herein can be embodied in systems, apparatus, methods, and/or articles depending on the desired configuration. The implementations set forth in the foregoing description do not represent all implementations consistent with the subject matter described herein. Instead, they are merely some examples consistent with aspects related to the described subject matter. Although a few variations have been described in detail above, other modifications or additions are possible. In particular, further features and/or variations can be provided in addition to those set forth herein. For example, the implementations described above can be directed to various combinations and subcombinations of the disclosed features and/or combinations and subcombinations of several further features disclosed above. In addition, the logic flows depicted in the accompanying figures and/or described herein do not necessarily require the particular order shown, or sequential order, to achieve desirable results. Other implementations may be within the scope of the following claims.

Claims

1. An apparatus, comprising: a housing; a camera within the housing; a printed circuit board within the housing and communicatively coupled with the camera; and a heat sink configured to dissipate heat generated within the housing; wherein the housing is configured to maintain the camera in a fixed position while the apparatus is mounted on a medical device, the housing having a first portion configured to be inserted into a cavity within a panel of the medical device, the first portion of the housing being further configured to receive one or more fasteners for securing the apparatus to the medical device, the housing having a second portion configured to remain outside of the cavity and form a flush mounting between the apparatus and an exterior surface of the panel of the medical device, the camera in the fixed position having a deterministic field of view that comprises a first area in which a first interaction with the medical device occurs or is expected to occur, wherein the heat sink comprises an indentation in the housing, and wherein the indentation is configured to engage with a flange in the panel of the medical device.
2. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the housing maintains the camera at an angle from which the deterministic field of view of the camera comprises the first area.
3. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the housing maintains the camera at an offset from which the deterministic field of view of the camera comprises the first area.
4. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the apparatus is mounted at a height and/or an orientation from which the deterministic field of view of the camera comprises the first area.
5. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the deterministic field of view of the camera further excludes a second area.
6. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the camera comprises one or more wide angle lenses or ultra wide angle lenses.
7. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first portion of the housing has a first height, wherein the second portion of the housing has a second height less than the first height such that the first portion of the housing extends above the second portion of the housing.
8. The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the first portion of the housing extends upward against a front exterior surface of the panel of the medical device.
9. The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the second portion of the housing extends inward and is secured against one or more interior surfaces of the panel of the medical device.
10. The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the cavity in the panel accommodating the second portion of the housing is sealed around the housing to minimize accessibility to the one or more fasteners.
11. The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the cavity in the panel is sealed by one or more fascia panels covering the front exterior surface of the panel.
12. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising: a tamper detector configured to detect tampering

at the apparatus and generate a signal in response to detecting a threshold level of tampering at the apparatus, the tampering comprises at least one of a removal of the one or more fasteners securing the apparatus and a change in the deterministic field of view of the camera.

13. The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the tamper detector comprises an optical sensor.

14. The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the tamper detector comprises: at least one data processor; and at least one memory storing instructions, which when executed by the at least one data processor, result in operations comprising: performing an analysis of an image of a current field of view of the camera by at least comparing the image to a reference image of a field of view of the camera; and detecting, based at least on the analysis indicating an above-threshold difference between the image and the reference image, the threshold level of tampering at the apparatus.

15. The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the analysis comprises identifying one or more objects present in each of the image and the reference image, and comparing a location of the one or more objects in each of the image and the reference image.

16. The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the analysis comprises comparing a first color histogram of the image and a second color histogram of the reference image.

17. The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the camera is disabled in response to the signal indicating the threshold level of tampering at the apparatus.

18. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a visual indicator configured to indicate a status of the camera, wherein the status comprises camera calibration being performed at the apparatus.

19. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the housing is formed of a thermally conductive material.

20. A dispensing cabinet, comprising: an enclosure for storing one or more medications or medical supplies; a camera assembly comprising: a housing; a camera within the housing; a printed circuit board within the housing and communicatively coupled with the camera; and a heat sink configured to dissipate heat generated within the housing; wherein the housing is configured to maintain the camera in a fixed position while the camera assembly is mounted on the dispensing cabinet, the housing having a first portion configured to be inserted into a cavity within a panel of the dispensing cabinet, the first portion of the housing being further configured to receive one or more fasteners for securing the camera assembly to the dispensing cabinet, the housing having a second portion configured to remain outside of the cavity and form a flush mounting between the camera assembly and an exterior surface of the panel of the dispensing cabinet, the camera in the fixed position having a deterministic field of view that comprises a first area in which a first interaction with the dispensing cabinet occurs or is expected to occur, wherein the heat sink comprises an indentation in the housing, and wherein the indentation is configured to engage with a flange in the panel of the dispensing cabinet.
