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Smart laser acupuncture navigation system

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In this study, a smart laser acupuncture navigation system, including a robot arm for laser acupuncture positioning, an intelligent human acupoints indicator, and an emulated laser acupuncture, was proposed. We used the "location of point by bone standard" method to determine the position of acupoints. An Intel-RealSense-Camera (SR300) was adopted to take 3D images of human upper extremities. The image of the upper limb taken by the realsense camera appears on the computer screen, and the 3D model of the arm image with acupoints designated were applied to indicate the position of acupoints, and virtual reality technology was used to indicate common acupuncture points on the image. Using the pixels of the obtained acupuncture points in the image and the depth information obtained by the depth camera, the coordinates of the acupoints in real world can be obtained. After determining the treatment points and process by a Chinese medicine doctor or expert system, the laser acupuncture head held by the robotic arm automatically moved to the designated acupuncture point. The image of the upper limb captured by the camera was used to apply the 3D model of the calibrated acupuncture points to the computer in a virtual reality and the position of the acupuncture point was displayed on the arm. Next, the robotic arm will perform laser acupuncture treatment according to the acupoints and courses that have been set. An emulated laser acupuncture developed by our team was used to perform acupuncture treatment for patients. The results show that the smart laser acupuncture navigation system can effectively assist laser acupuncture treatment.

Biography

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