

docking device 50, processor 78 is operable to update bG meter 20 with any updates that have been received by the wireless connection and stored in memory 76 since the last time bG meter 20 was interfaced with docking device 50. The wireless connection can also be utilized to exchange messages between the user of docking device 50 and another party, such as a doctor, caseworker, or parent, just to name a few possibilities.

[0092] In another embodiment, docking device 50 is operable to configure or set-up one or more aspects of bG meter 20. For example, with bG meter 20 positioned in internal receptacle 64, input can be provided with user entry means 68 to configure or modify various operating aspects of bG meter 20. Such aspects can include, without limitation, the settings of display 24 or programming of processor 42. In another form, docking device 50 provides calibration data to bG meter 20. In this form, processor 42 is operable to process the calibration data and implement modifications or other appropriate actions which are necessary to properly calibrate bG meter 20 to ensure accurate bG measurements. In one form, the calibration data can include information regarding test strips 34 used by bG meter 20. As indicated above, processor 78 of docking device 50 is also operable to provide programming updates to bG meter 20 which are processed and implemented by processor 42.

[0093] Processor 78 of docking device 50 is also operable to create, arrange or modify the events that are scheduled in the calendar stored in memory 40 of bG meter 20 and memory 76 of docking device 50. In one form, a scheduler program is provided on docking device 50 that can be used to create a schedule that is uploaded onto bG meter 20 each time bG meter 20 is positioned in internal receptacle 64. Additionally, the schedule created by the scheduler program may also be stored in memory 76 of docking device 50. As a variation however, it is contemplated that the schedule stored in memory 76 of docking device 50 can be different from the schedule stored in memory 40 of bG meter 20. It should be appreciated that the schedule developed by the scheduler program can wholly replace an earlier schedule stored in memory 40, 76, or processor 42, 78 can be operable to make appropriate changes to the earlier schedule according to the later provided schedule.

[0094] In FIG. 8 there is provided an illustration of display 70 with the scheduler program running. User entry means 68 can be used to set alarms at various times to provide a reminder for performing some event. The events can be representative of appointments, meetings, meals or bG measurements, just to name a few possibilities. It is also contemplated that a unique alarm can be associated with each event. For example, alarms corresponding to bG measurements could be defined by both auditory and vibratory output by bG meter 20 or docking device 50, while alarms corresponding to a meeting could be defined by only one of an auditory or vibratory output. As a further variation, the auditory output can be defined to provide a distinct sound, tune, rhythm or sequence in association with various events. Once a new schedule has been completed, instruction can be provided through user entry means 68 to send the schedule to bG meter 20. If bG meter 20 is not positioned in internal receptacle 64 upon completion of the schedule, the schedule can be stored in memory 76 until the next time bG meter 20 and docking device 50 interface. In the illustrated form, the scheduler program can facilitate programming of a schedule in one or two week increments, although other variations are contemplated.

Additionally, user entry means 68 can be used to select a routine schedule which is stored in memory 76 and is representative of a typical day of the user. In this form, the routine schedule can serve as a default schedule which eliminates the need for the user to create an entirely new schedule every time they return to their typical daily routine from some alternative routine, such as a vacation routine.

[0095] Other variations in arranging the schedule stored in memory 40 of bG meter 20 are contemplated. For example, in one alternative, when bG meter 20 interfaces with docking device 50, the calendar stored in memory 40 of bG meter 20 can be produced on display 70. In this arrangement, user entry means 68 can be used to navigate through the calendar, store events and specify alarm settings as desired. Once the schedule is completed, it can be saved in memory 40 of bG meter 20. Moreover, it is also contemplated that processor 78 could be operable to carry changes made to the calendar stored in memory 40 of bG meter 20 over to the calendar stored in memory 76 of docking device 50.

[0096] Additional interaction between the calendars of docking device 50 and bG meter 20 is also contemplated. For example, in one form, the calendar of docking device 50 can be updated to reflect the user's performance, or lack thereof, of each of the events scheduled. In this form, in response to an alarm, a user can provide an indication with user entry means 26 to bG meter 20 that the event corresponding to the respective alarm was performed. Processor 42 is operable to store the indication in memory 40 and transfer the indication to docking device 50 when bG meter 20 interfaces therewith. Processor 78 of docking device 50 is operable to process the indication and associate it with a corresponding event entered in the calendar stored in memory 76. Processor 78 is further operable to provide on display 70 a modified representation of the calendar stored in memory 76 which indicates which events have been performed. As an example, the representation on display 70 could represent a diabetic's compliance with a bG testing schedule.

[0097] As indicated above, docking device 50 is also operable with bG meter 20 to analyze bG measurement data which is stored in memory 40 of bG meter 20. When bG meter 20 is positioned in internal receptacle 64 and interfaced with docking device 50, processor 78 is operable to process and record the bG measurement data stored in memory 40 of bG meter 20. The bG measurement data may be representative of each bG measurement taken by bG meter 20 over the period of time since the bG meter 20 was last interfaced with docking device 50. It is contemplated that the period of time could reflect hourly, daily, weekly, monthly or even longer intervals, just to provide a few examples. Processor 78 is operable to store the bG measurement data in memory 76 of docking device 50. Additionally, processor 78 is operable to provide a representation of the bG measurement data from memory 40 on display 70. In one variation, processor 78 is operable to aggregate bG measurement data from memory 40 along with other bG measurement data stored in memory 78 and provide a representation of the aggregation on display 70. The aggregation of bG measurement data can include all bG measurements taken within a period of time, such as a day, week or month. Additionally, display 70 could provide a representation of the aggregation of bG measurement data over each of these periods and user entry means 68 can be utilized to navigate and view each representation.

[0098] Graphical and textual representations of the bG measurement data on display 70 are contemplated. As used