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APPARATUS FOR MASSAGING THE BODY BY CYCLIC APPLICATION OF PRESSURE

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Abstract (en)

[origin: EP0302767A1] The invention relates to an apparatus for massaging parts of the body by cyclic and sequential application of pressure, allowing a drainage to be carried out, in particular lymphatic drainage. This apparatus comprises means for cyclic distribution of an inflating fluid through a conduit (2) and means for cyclic distribution of a control fluid through a conduit (3) towards a treatment accessory consisting of juxtaposed inflatable cells, for example a massage legging (1). The inflation conduit (2) is connected to each cell of the treatment accessory by way of distributors (4), which also receive the control fluid. Each distributor comprises a movable closure member, in particular a membrane, in such a way as to permit the downstream passage of the inflating fluid when the local inflation pressure reaches a value which is a function of the pressure of the control fluid. The cells of the massage accessory are thus inflated one after the other in a cascade, and are then deflated, the operation continuing in a cyclic fashion. <IMAGE>

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