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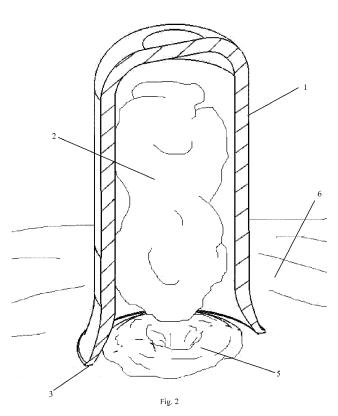
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(54) Title: STOMA CAP DEVICE FOR OSTOMY MAINTENANCE ASSISTANCE



(57) Abstract: Provided is a cap device for home use to temporarily cover the stoma resulting from a urostomy, colostomy or ileostomy procedure. It provides a favorable means of preventing leakage during routine cleaning around the stoma during the ostomy pouch replacement process. The device may include, in any combination, use of a flexible elastomeric material for creating low suction to assist with retention, a shaped lip for comfort and sealing, a disposable liner, or internal absorption material to help avoid spillage and leakage.

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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This ISA found multiple inventions as follows: Group I, claims 1-13, is directed to a stoma capping device comprising a body, a lip, an opening and an interior volume. Group II, claims 14 and 15, is directed to a stoma capping device comprising a body, a lip, an opening, two chambers and two check valves. The only common technical feature between Groups I and II is that the device comprises a body, a lip, an opening and an interior volume. However, this feature lacks novelty and/or inventive step with respect to the following documents: a) US 2004/0260257 A1; b) US 5908379 A1; c) JP 2000-116691 A. Thus, there is no technical relationship left over the prior art among the claimed inventions, leaving the claims without a single general inventive concept. Hence there is lack of unity "a posteriori" (PCT Rules 13.1 and 13.2).
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