CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. An apparatus for treating a biological fluid, comprising:
   a plurality of pods (102, 500, 820); each plurality of pods comprising filtration media, at least one inlet (i), at least one outlet (o), and at least one vent port (v); and
   a first insert plate (116, 316, 416) and a second insert plate opposite the first insert plate, wherein the plurality of pods (102, 500, 820) is disposed therebetween;
   wherein in a pod adjacent to the first plate (116, 316, 416) and/or second insert plate, at least one of the at least one inlet (i) and the at least one outlet (o) comprises a connector (114a, 114b), wherein the connector is configured to be in fluid communication with another connector or manifold, and the first and/or second insert plate comprises a slot (118a, 118b, 118c) extending inwardly from a periphery thereof, the slot (118a, 118b, 118c) configured and positioned to align with the connector (114a, 114b).

2. The apparatus for treating a biological fluid of claim 1, wherein the inlet (i) further comprises a sterile-to-sterile connector (524, 1112), wherein the outlet (o) further comprises a sterile-to-sterile connector (524, 1112).

3. The apparatus for treating a biological fluid of claim 1, wherein the vent port (v) terminates at a vent filter (510).

4. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the inlets (i) from each of the plurality of pods (102, 200, 820) are connected via a manifold (702), wherein the outlets (o) from each of the plurality of pods are connected via a manifold (702), and wherein the vent ports are connected via a manifold.

5. The apparatus of claim 4, wherein any of the manifolds (702) comprise a sterile-to-sterile connector (524, 1112).

6. The apparatus for treating a biological fluid of any one of claims 1 to 5, wherein the pods (102, 500, 820) are sterilized or bioburden-reduced.

7. The apparatus for treating a biological fluid of any one of claims 1 to 6, wherein the pods (102, 500, 820) are pre-sterilized or bioburden-reduced before use.

8. A hand card (816a) comprising the apparatus for treating a biological fluid any one of claims 1 to 7, wherein the combined pods are loaded onto the hand cart having a holder hardware (800) comprising a side A and a side B, and wherein the holder hardware comprises a pressure gauge (802), a hydraulic pump (804), a clamp rod (808), a frame (810), and two platens (812a, 812b).