## CLAIMS

1. A connecting device for connecting a surgically created first orifice with a surgically created second orifice and transferring contents from the surgically created first orifice to the surgically created second orifice, the device comprising:

a first elongate tubular member configured to, in use, be inserted into the surgically created first orifice,

a second elongate tubular member configured to, in use, be inserted into the surgically created second orifice,

an intermediate hollow body member having a body inlet and a body outlet;

wherein the first elongate tubular member is in fluid communication with and dependent from the body inlet, the first elongate tubular member having an inlet located at a distal end away from the intermediate hollow body member; and

wherein the second elongate tubular member is in fluid communication with and dependent from the body outlet, the second tubular member having an outlet located at a distal end away from the intermediate hollow body member; and

wherein, the intermediate hollow body member includes a body opening, and the device includes a cap for closing said body opening to complete a pathway between the first tubular member and the second tubular member for passive transfer of contents from the first orifice to the second orifice, and

wherein said device further includes a shell that, configured in use, to substantially encompass and define a volume of space surrounding said surgically created first and surgically created second orifices, and wherein

the volume of space surrounding said surgically created first and said surgically created second orifices is isolated from the pathway between the first elongate tubular member and the second elongate tubular member so that contents being transferred from the surgically created first to the surgically created second orifice do not leak into the surrounding volume of space.

2. A connecting device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the shell is rigid or semi-rigid and adapted to exert a downward pressure to keep the first and second elongate tubular members within the surgically created orifices when the device is attached to a patient.

3. A connecting device as claimed in claim 1 or claim 2, wherein said cap comprises a pathway seal on an inner surface of the cap adapted to seal the body opening.

4. A connecting device as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein said cap is separate and removable and when removed allows access to an internal surface of the hollow body member.

5. A connecting device as claimed in claim 4, wherein the removable cap is connected to the hollow body member with a magnetic connection, or a press fit connection.

6. A connecting device as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 5, wherein said cap and said shell are integrally formed.

7. A connecting device as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 6, wherein the hollow body member and the first and second tubular members are integrally formed.

8. A connecting device as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 6, wherein the first and second tubular members are separate and removable from the hollow body member.

9. A connecting device as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 8, wherein the first tubular member and the second tubular member are flexible and resilient.

10. A connecting device as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 9, wherein said device further comprises a plate structure for removable attachment to skin of a patient and around the surgically created first and second orifices, wherein the plate structure comprising:

a first side and a second side that are opposite to one another, the first side of the plate structure is configured to be attached to a skin of a patient using an adhesive; and

the second side of the plate structure is configured to be coupled to the shell.

11. A connecting device as claimed in claim 10, wherein the coupling of the shell to the plate structure is located around a perimeter of the shell.

12. A connecting device as claimed in claim 11, wherein the coupling of the shell to the plate structure comprises complementary features in the form of a groove and a complementary protrusion.

13. A connecting device as claimed in any one of claims 10 to 12, wherein the coupling of the shell to the plate structure forms a watertight coupling with the first coupling member.

14. A connecting device as claimed in any one of claims 10 to 13, wherein the shell further comprises a flat rim extending from a perimeter of the shell, the flat rim having an underside configured to sit against a patient's skin.

15. A connecting device as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 14, wherein the distal end of at least one of said first elongate tubular member and said second elongate tubular member comprises a cage feature having cage supports and cage openings between neighbouring cage supports to allow the contents to pass.

16. A connecting device as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 15, wherein one or both elongate tubular members comprise a longitudinal guide member extending from the distal end of the tubular member.

17. A connecting device as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 16, wherein at least one of said first elongate tubular member and said second elongate tubular member comprises an internal rib protruding from a sidewall of the tubular member to increase the wall thickness and stiffness of the tubular member.

18. A connecting device as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 17, wherein at least one tubular member comprises a flared anchoring portion having a concave outward surface in a relaxed state.

19. A connecting device as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 18, wherein one of the first and second tubular members is longer than the other of the first and second tubular members so that the longer tubular member is inserted further into the respective surgically created orifice.

20. A connecting device as claimed in claims 1 to 19, wherein silicone, rubber, latex or plastic form one or more of the:

a) first elongate tubular member,
b) second elongate tubular member,
c) intermediate hollow body member.