CLAIMS

1. An endoscopy device for facilitating the use of an endoscope, comprising at least one airway tube and a mask carried at one end of the at least one airway tube, the mask having a distal end and a proximal end and a peripheral formation capable of conforming to, and of fitting within, the actual and potential space behind the larynx of the patient so as to form a seal around the circumference of the laryngeal inlet, the peripheral formation surrounding a hollow interior space or lumen of the mask and the at least one airway tube opening into the lumen of the mask, the peripheral formation establishing separation between a laryngeal chamber side and a pharyngeal side, the device further comprising a conduit adapted for passage of an endoscope into the oesophagus of a patient when the mask is in place, the conduit including a distal end for cooperation with the oesophageal sphincter of the patient, the conduit having a laryngeal side, a pharyngeal side, and with respect thereto, a right side and a left side, and an outlet wherein at the outlet the width between the left side and the right side is smaller than the width of the conduit.

2. An endoscopy device according to claim 1, wherein at the outlet, the pharyngeal side is terminated proximally of the laryngeal side.

3. An endoscopy device according to claim 1 or claim 2, wherein at the outlet, the width of the conduit wall is reduced.

~~4. An endoscopy device according to claim 3, wherein the width reduction is at the left and the right side of the outlet.~~

~~5. An endoscopy device according to any preceding claim, wherein the distal end of the conduit is provided at an angle of about 30 degrees, relative to the longitudinal axis of the conduit.~~

~~6. An endoscopy device according to any of claims 1 to 5, characterised in that the airway tube comprises a connector at its proximal end, the connector including one or more strap mount comprising a mount bar to which a strap can be removably fixed for securing the device to a patient.~~

~~7.~~1. An endoscopy device for facilitating the use of an endoscope, comprising at least one airway tube having a proximal end and a distal end and a mask carried at the distal end of the at least one airway tube, the mask having a distal end and a proximal end and a peripheral formation capable of conforming to, and of fitting within, the actual and potential space behind the larynx of ~~the~~ a patient so as to form a seal around the circumference of the laryngeal inlet, the peripheral formation surrounding a hollow interior space or lumen of the mask and the at least one airway tube opening into the lumen of the mask, the peripheral formation establishing separation between a laryngeal chamber region and a pharyngeal region, the device further comprising a conduit adapted for passage of an endoscope into the oesophagus of a patient when the mask is in place, characterised in that the airway tube comprises a connector at its proximal end, the connector including one or more strap mount comprising a

mount bar to which a strap can be removably fixed for securing the device to a patient.

~~8.~~2. An endoscopy device according to claim ~~6~~ 1~~or claim 7~~, including two strap mounts.

~~9.~~3. An endoscopy device according to claim ~~8~~2, wherein the or each mount bar is disposed between two arms which extend out from the connector in a direction generally normal to the longitudinal axis of the proximal end of the conduit and airway tube, such that a mount bar is disposed on either side of the proximal end of the device.

~~10.~~4. An endoscopy device according to claim ~~9~~3, wherein the arms are curved and extend distally, to conform to the anatomy of a patient's head.

~~11.~~5. An endoscopy device according to any of claims ~~6~~ 3 to ~~10~~4, wherein the conduit includes an internal sleeve at its proximal end.

~~12.~~6. An endoscopy device according to claim ~~11~~5, wherein the sleeve is integrally formed with the connector.

7. An endoscopy device according to any one of claims 1 to 6, the conduit including a distal end for cooperation with the oesophageal sphincter of the patient, the conduit having a laryngeal side, a pharyngeal side, and with respect thereto, a right side and a left side, and an outlet wherein at the outlet the width between the left side and the right side is smaller than the width of the conduit.

~~13. An endoscopy device substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to the accompanying drawings.~~

~~14. A method of inserting an instrument or viewing device into the upper gastrointestinal tract of a patient comprising the use of an endoscopy device according to any preceding claim.~~

~~15. A method according to claim 14 wherein the device is adapted for single use.~~