

What is claimed is:

1. A drug delivery device comprising:
 - a housing defining a longitudinal axis and having an opening;
 - a drug storage container having a body portion with a proximal end and a distal end and a delivery member extending from the distal end of the body portion;
 - a plunger moveable toward the distal end of the drug storage container to expel a drug from the drug storage container through the delivery member;
 - a plunger biasing member configured to urge the plunger toward the distal end of the drug storage container; and
 - a container holder configured to support the drug storage container with respect to the housing such that a resultant force acting on the drug storage container from the plunger biasing member is at least substantially completely borne by the distal end of the body portion of the drug storage container.
2. The drug delivery device of claim 1, wherein the distal end of the body portion of the drug storage container includes an end surface, the delivery member extends from the end surface, and the container holder is configured to support the drug storage container with respect to the housing adjacent to the end surface.
3. The drug delivery device of any of claims 1 or 2, wherein the container holder includes at least two inwardly protruding flanges configured to receive the distal end of the drug storage container body portion.
4. The drug delivery device of claim 3, wherein the two inwardly protruding flanges are separated from each other by at least two gaps.
5. The drug delivery device of any of claims 2 through 4, wherein the container holder includes a resilient portion configured to absorb at least a portion of the resultant force.
6. The drug delivery device of claim 5, wherein the resilient portion includes an elastomer component.
7. The drug delivery device of claim 6, wherein the resilient portion includes at least two inwardly protruding flanges configured to receive the distal end of the drug storage container body portion.
8. The drug delivery device of any of claims 1 or 2, wherein the container holder is positioned within the housing and coupled with the housing such as to substantially prevent relative movement between the container holder and the housing.
9. The drug delivery device of claim 8, wherein the housing includes an inner surface defining at least two slots and the container holder is coupled with the housing by the slots.
10. The drug delivery device of claim 9, wherein the container holder includes at least two lock ridges configured to be received within the slots.
11. The drug delivery device of claim 8, wherein the housing includes an inner surface defining at least four slots and the container holder is coupled with the housing by the slots.

12. The drug delivery device of claim 11, wherein the container holder includes at least four lock ridges configured to be received within the slots.

13. The drug delivery device of any of claims 1 or 2, wherein the container holder is defined by features of the housing and configured to substantially prevent relative movement between the drug storage container and the housing.

14. The drug delivery device of claim 13, wherein the housing includes an inner surface defining at least two inwardly protruding flanges configured to receive the distal end of the drug storage container body portion.

15. The drug delivery device of any of claims 1 through 14, wherein the drug storage container includes at least one outwardly protruding flange at the proximal end of the body portion, and wherein the drug storage container is coupled with the container holder such that the resultant force acting on the drug storage container is not significantly borne by the at least one outwardly protruding flange.

16. The drug delivery device of claim 15, wherein the container holder defines at least one opening configured to receive the at least one outwardly protruding flange.

17. The drug delivery device of any of claims 1 through 16, wherein the container holder includes a flexible arm configured to support the proximal end of the drug storage container body portion.

18. The drug delivery device of any of claims 1 through 16, further comprising a plunger guide configured to receive at least a portion of the plunger biasing member, the plunger guide including a proximal end coupled with the housing and a distal end configured to abut the container holder.

19. The drug delivery device of claim 18, wherein the plunger guide includes a flexible arm configured to support the proximal end of the drug storage container body portion.

20. The drug delivery device of any of claims 1 through 19, wherein the container holder includes at least two arms configured to be selectively secured with each other.

21. The drug delivery device of any of claims 1 through 20, wherein the container holder includes an open position for receiving the drug storage container and a closed position for securing the drug storage container.

22. The drug delivery device of any of claims 1 through 20, wherein the container holder includes at least one arm movable between an open position and a closed position.

23. The drug delivery device of any of claims 21 or 22, wherein the container holder includes at least two arms movable with respect to each other between the open position and the closed position.

24. The drug delivery device of claim 23, wherein the at least two arms extend generally along the longitudinal axis.

25. The drug delivery device of claim 24, wherein the container holder further includes an annular ring supporting the at least two arms.

26. The drug delivery device of claim 25, wherein the annular ring is adjacent to a distal portion of the container holder and the at least two arms extend proximally along the longitudinal axis.

27. The drug delivery device of any of claims 21 through 26, wherein the container holder includes at least one locking component configured to secure the container holder in the closed position.

28. The drug delivery device of claim 27, wherein the container holder includes at least two locking components configured to secure the container holder in the closed position.

29. The drug delivery device of claim 28, wherein the at least two locking components each include a pair of mating connectors configured to secure the container holder in the closed position.

30. The drug delivery device of any of claims 21 through 29, wherein the container holder includes at least two inwardly protruding flanges configured to receive a distal end of the drug storage container.

31. The drug delivery device of any of claims 21 through 30, wherein the container holder includes at least two proximal inwardly protruding flanges configured to define a proximal opening for receiving the drug storage container when the container holder is in the open position.

32. A drug delivery device comprising:
a housing defining a longitudinal axis and having an opening;
a drug storage container having a body portion with a proximal end and a distal end and a delivery member extending from the distal end of the body portion;
a plunger moveable toward the distal end of the drug storage container to expel a drug from the drug storage container through the delivery member;
a plunger biasing member configured to urge the plunger toward the distal end of the drug storage container; and
a container holder configured to substantially completely support the drug storage container with respect to the housing by the distal end of the body portion of the drug storage container.