WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A patient interface (300), comprising:

a seal portion sized and shaped to surround the nose and/or mouth of a user and adapted to create at least a substantial seal with the user's face, the seal portion comprising a seal inlet (314);

a frame portion comprising a frame inlet (324) and a frame outlet (326);

a connector that permits the interface to be coupled to a conduit that is in fluid communication with a gas delivery device, the connector configured to be coupled with the frame inlet (324), wherein the connector and frame inlet (324) have a ball and socket connection; and

a coupling between the seal inlet (314) and the frame outlet (326) to permit the seal portion to move relative to the frame portion, wherein the coupling comprises a ball and socket joint or a shaft and bearing joint.

2. The patient interface (300) of Claim 1, wherein the relative movement of the seal portion is constrained to a spherical boundary.

3. The patient interface (300) of Claim 2, wherein the coupling comprises a ball and socket joint.

4. The patient interface (300) of Claim 3, wherein relative movement is permitted along a principal axis of the ball and socket joint.

5. The patient interface (300) of Claim 3 or Claim 4, wherein the seal inlet (314) comprises a socket and the frame outlet (326) comprises a complementary ball of the ball and socket joint, or the frame outlet (326) comprises the socket and the seal inlet (314) comprises the complementary ball of the ball and socket joint.

6. The patient interface (300) of Claim 1, wherein the relative movement of the seal portion is constrained to a cylindrical boundary.

7. The patient interface (300) of Claim 6, wherein the coupling is a shaft and bearing type joint.

8. The patient interface (300) of Claim 6 or Claim 7, wherein the relative movement is permitted along an axis of the cylindrical boundary.

9. A patient interface (300) as claimed in claim 1, wherein the coupling is generally the same size and generally aligned with the frame inlet (314).

10. A patient interface (300) as claimed in claim 1, wherein the frame outlet (326) is a male connector portion and the seal inlet (314) is a female connector portion, the frame outlet (326) received in the seal inlet (314), or the frame outlet (326) is a female connector portion and the seal inlet (314) is a male connector portion, the seal inlet (314) received in the frame outlet (326).

11. A patient interface (300) as claimed in claim 1, wherein the connector is an elbow (330), comprising a first end (332), wherein the first end of the elbow is a ball and the frame inlet (314) is a female connector portion adapted to receive the ball.