

CLAIMS

1. Packaging housing a medical device, the packaging comprising:

first and second sides sealed or otherwise secured around the periphery thereof to define a pair of major edges, a lower edge and an upper edge; wherein the pair of major edges comprise: a first, straight edge; and a second, tapered edge opposing the first;

an interaction region defining a first point of contact for a user of the packaging, the interaction region comprising one or more visual and/or tactile indicators on the first and/or second sides of the packaging and being positioned proximal to the first or second edge;

a tear-away region defined proximal to the upper edge, the tear away region comprising: a tear line between a first end and a second end of the tear-away region defining a line along which the packaging may be torn to at least partially separate the tear-away region from the remainder of the packaging to form an open upper end of the packaging, in use; an interaction point at a first end of the tear-away region defining a second point of contact for a user of the packaging; and a tear stop at the second end of the tear-away region, the tear stop acting to prevent or reduce the likelihood of the tear-away region being completely separated from the remainder of the packaging; wherein the tear-away region is substantially triangular in shape having a sloped upper edge; and

a sealing arrangement comprising a first sealing member provided on the interior surface of the first side of the packaging and a second sealing member provided on the interior surface of the second side of the packaging, the first and second sealing members being operable to provide a user-sealable seal between the first and second sides of the packaging, proximal to the tear-away region; and

wherein at least a portion of the first and/or second sides of the packaging comprise a material having a textured surface profile on an interior and/or exterior surface thereof.

2. Packaging housing a medical device, the packaging comprising:

first and second sides sealed or otherwise secured around the periphery thereof to define a pair of major edges, a lower edge and an upper edge; wherein the pair of major edges comprise a first, straight edge and a second, tapered edge opposing the first; and

- 5 an interaction region defining a point of contact for a user of the packaging, the interaction region comprising one or more visual and/or tactile indicators on the first and/or second sides of the packaging and being positioned proximal to at least the first or second major edge of the packaging.
3. Packaging as claimed in claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the interaction region is
10 positioned proximal to the first major edge of the packaging.
4. Packaging as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the second major edge comprises a curved, tapered edge.
5. Packaging as claimed in any of claims 2 to 4, wherein the upper edge of the packaging is provided at an angle to the first and/or second major edges,
15 defining a substantially triangular region proximal to the upper edge of the packaging.
6. Packaging as claimed in any of claims 2 to 5, comprising a tear-away region defined proximal to the upper edge of the packaging.
7. Packaging as claimed in any of claims 1 to 6, wherein the one or more visual
20 and/or tactile indicators comprise one or more visual surface markings.
8. Packaging as claimed in any of claims 1 to 7, wherein the one or more visual and/or tactile indicators comprise a visual boundary marking.
9. Packaging as claimed in any of claims 1 to 8, wherein the one or more visual and/or tactile indicators comprise a tactile surface profile provided on an
25 exterior surface of the first and/or second sides of the packaging.
10. Packaging as claimed in any of claims 1 to 9, wherein at least two of the first major edge, second major edge, lower edge, and upper edge are integrally formed at end thereof with a further edge of the packaging at radiused corners.
11. Packaging as claimed in claim 10, wherein a first radiused corner of the
30 packaging comprises a larger corner radius compared with one or more further radiused corners of the packaging.
12. Packaging housing a medical device, the packaging comprising:

first and second sides sealed or otherwise secured around the periphery thereof; a tear-away region defined proximal to an upper edge of the packaging, the tear away region comprising a tear line between a first end and a second end of the tear-away region defining a line along which the packaging may be torn to at least partially separate the tear-away portion from the remainder of the packaging to form an open upper end of the packaging, in use; and

a sealing arrangement comprising a first sealing member provided on the interior surface of the first side of the packaging and a second sealing member provided on the interior surface of the second side of the packaging, the first and second sealing members being operable to provide a user-sealable seal between the first and second sides of the packaging at or proximal to the open upper end of the packaging.

13. Packaging as claimed in claim 1 or claim 12, or any claim dependent thereon, wherein the user-sealable seal comprises a resealable seal.
14. Packaging as claimed in claim 1 or claim 12, or any claim dependent thereon, wherein the first and second sealing members form a double hook fastener arrangement, with the first sealing member comprising a region of hook fasteners located on a surface of the first side of the packaging, and the second sealing member comprising a region of hook fasteners located on a surface of the second side of the packaging.
15. Packaging as claimed in claim 1 or claim 12, or any claim dependent thereon, wherein the first and second sealing members are configured to provide a water resistant or near or substantially water-tight seal at or proximal to the open upper end of the packaging.
16. Packaging as claimed in claim 12, or any of claims 13 to 15 when dependent on claim 12, wherein the tear-away region comprises an interaction point defining a point of contact for a user of the packaging.
17. Packaging as claimed in claim 1 or claim 16, or any claim dependent thereon, wherein the interaction point comprises an aperture in the packaging.
18. Packaging as claimed in claim 12, or any of claims 13 to 17 when dependent on claim 12, wherein the tear-away region comprises a tear stop.

19. Packaging as claimed in claim 1 or claim 18, or any claim dependent thereon, wherein the tear stop comprises an aperture within the tear-away region.
20. Packaging as claimed in claim 1 or claim 12, or any claim dependent thereon, wherein the tear-away region comprises a tear start.
- 5 21. Packaging as claimed in claim 20, wherein the tear start comprises a notch in first and/or second sides of the packaging.
22. Packaging as claimed in claim 17, or any claim dependent thereon, wherein the upper edge of the packaging is provided at an angle to the first and/or second major edges, thereby defining a sloped upper edge of the tear-away region, and wherein the sloped upper edge slopes from the interaction point to the tear stop.
- 10 23. Packaging housing a medical device, the packaging comprising first and second sides sealed or otherwise secured around the periphery thereof; wherein at least a portion of the first and/or second sides of the packaging comprise a material having a textured surface profile on a surface thereof.
- 15 24. Packaging as claimed in claim 1 or claim 23, or any claim dependent thereon, wherein the textured surface profile is provided on an interior surface of the first and/or second sides of the packaging.
25. Packaging as claimed in claim 1 or claim 23, or any claim dependent thereon, wherein the textured surface profile comprises one or more of: a patterned surface profile; an undulating surface profile; and an irregular or random surface profile.
- 20 26. Packaging as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the medical device comprises a catheter.
- 25 27. Packaging as claimed in claim 26, wherein the medical device comprises a male intermittent urinary catheter.
28. A packaging blank for forming the packaging of any preceding claim, the packaging blank comprising first and second side panels configured to be sealed about their periphery to the other side panel to form the packaging.
- 30 29. A method of manufacturing packaging of any of claims 1 to 27, the method comprising sealing or otherwise securing first and second sides of the

packaging about a periphery thereof to define an internal volume housing the medical device.