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(57) Abstract

A Z-folded barrier cuff is provided to allow both sufficient lateral spacing of the barrier cuffs for the genitals in the front and for BM containment in the back as well as sufficient cuff height in the crotch area for good fit into the leg crease and good containment of body exudates. The barrier cuff is Z-folded by folding a first portion back upon itself such that a first segment and a second segment is formed. A second portion is folded laterally inwardly back upon itself such that a third segment is formed. Thus, the Z-folded barrier cuffs are properly laterally spaced in the crotch area and near the end edges while providing sufficient height to properly contain body exudates.

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