

CLAIMS

1. An ostomy pouch, comprising:

an inner wall and an outer wall sealed about at least part of the periphery thereof to define a cavity for containing a stomal output, the cavity including,
5 at least:

a first section, a second section and a third section;
a first waisted section located between the first section and second section; and
a second waisted section located between the second section and
10 the third section;
wherein the first and second sections have a maximum width greater than a minimum width of the first waisted section; and wherein the second and third sections have a maximum width greater than a minimum width of the second waisted section.
- 15 2. An ostomy pouch as claimed in claim 1, wherein the pouch is configured to be used in a substantially vertical orientation, with the first section forming an upper section of the pouch, the third section forming a lower section of the pouch, and the second section forming an intermediate section between the upper and lower sections.
- 20 3. An ostomy pouch as claimed in claim 1, wherein the pouch is configured to be used in a substantially horizontal orientation, with the first section forming a first end section, the third section forming a second end section and the second section forming an intermediate section between the first and second end sections.
- 25 4. An ostomy pouch as claimed in claim 3, wherein the first section forms a right-side section of the pouch and the third section forms a left-side section of the pouch.
5. An ostomy pouch as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the inner wall of the pouch comprises an inlet for receiving the stomal output into the cavity.

6. An ostomy pouch as claimed in claim 5, wherein the inlet is provided within a portion of the inner wall defining at least part of the first section of the cavity.
7. An ostomy pouch as claimed in claim 5, wherein the inlet is provided within a portion of the inner wall defining at least part of the second section of the pouch.
- 5 8. An ostomy pouch as claimed in any preceding claim, comprising an open pouch which includes a drain for releasing stomal output from the cavity, the drain comprising a drain aperture comprising an opening within the pouch for releasing stomal output from the cavity.
- 10 9. An ostomy pouch as claimed in claim 8, wherein the drain comprises a deployable drain, which is moveable between a stowed position and a deployed position.
10. An ostomy pouch as claimed in claim 8 or claim 9, wherein the drain is provided in the third section of the pouch.
- 15 11. An ostomy pouch as claimed in any preceding claim, comprising a filter arrangement which includes a vent for venting of gaseous stomal output from the cavity, and optionally an odour filter.
12. An ostomy pouch as claimed in claim 11, wherein the filter arrangement comprises a pre-filter configured to control the content of stomal output in contact with the vent and/or odour filter.
- 20 13. An ostomy pouch as claimed in claim 11, wherein the filter arrangement is provided within, or is associated with the first section of the pouch.
14. An ostomy pouch as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the maximum widths of the first, second and/or third sections are substantially equal.
- 25 15. An ostomy pouch as claimed in any of claims 1 to 13, wherein the maximum widths of the first, second and/or third sections are different.
16. An ostomy pouch as claimed in claim 15, wherein the maximum width of the first section is greater than the maximum width of the second section, and the maximum width of the second section is greater than the maximum width of the third section.

17. An ostomy pouch of any preceding claim, wherein opposing edges of the first and/or second waisted sections are each be concavely-curved.
18. An ostomy pouch of any preceding claim, wherein the first, second and or third sections are generally rounded in shape, and comprise at least one continuously curved edge.
- 5 19. An ostomy pouch of claim 18, wherein the continuously curved edge(s) of the first, second and/or third sections is convexly curved.
20. An ostomy pouch of any preceding claim, wherein the cavity is sub-divided into two or more chambers.
- 10 21. An ostomy pouch as claimed in claim 20, comprising a separation wall between the inner and outer walls defining the cavity into first and second chambers, and wherein the separation wall comprises a fluid-permeable filtering element operable to filter fluid stomal output from solid stomal output.