

- a short flange, wherein the short flange is mounted adjacent and substantially parallel to the long flange, and wherein the overlapping engagement of the first flange unit with the second flange unit causes the long flange of each respective flange unit to overlap the short flange of the other flange unit.

15. A device as recited in claim 7 wherein the suction ring is made of an elastomeric material.

16. A device as recited in claim 7 wherein the base member comprises a suction port to establish fluid communication with a suction channel of the suction ring when the suction ring is held against the base member.

17. A device as recited in claim 7 wherein the device is made of a medical grade plastic.

18. A method for manufacturing an interface device for selectively engaging a suction ring with a patient interface of a laser unit which comprises the steps of:

- providing an annular shaped base member formed with an orifice, wherein the base member defines a plane and has a first side and a second side, with the suction ring affixed against the second side of the base member to surround the orifice;
- mounting a pair of parallel pivot posts side-by-side on the first side of