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Nose Strip

Examples of claims

1. A nose strip to be attached to a surface of the nose to stabilize an outer wall tissue thereof during breathing, comprising,

- an elongate resilient band having a biasing force;

- an elongate flexible material attached to, and aligned with a full length of the elongate resilient band to produce a unitary truss member, the elongate flexible material comprising an adhesive layer to secure the unitary truss member to the nose surface against the biasing force;

- wherein the biasing force of the resilient band is sufficient to stabilize the outer wall tissue of the nose while breathing when the nasal strip is attached by the adhesive layer to the surface of the nose.

2. The nose strip of claim 1, wherein the adhesive layer is covered by a removable release-liner.

3. The nose strip of any one of claims 1 and 2, wherein the elongate flexible material comprises a waist portion, continuous with a first end portion and a second end portion, the first end portion and the second end portion each having a width greater than the waist portion and providing an increased surface area for adhesion to the surface of the nose.

4. The nose strip of any one of claims 1 to 3, further comprising an elongate flexible material cover attached to the elongate flexible material opposite the adhesive layer to enclose the elongate resilient band between the elongate flexible material and the elongate flexible material cover.

5. The nose strip of any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein the resilient band is attached to the elongate flexible material apposite the adhesive layer by an adhesive.

6. The nose strip of any one of claims 1 to 5, the elongate resilient band being a first elongate resilient band, the nose strip further comprising at least a second elongate resilient band disposed beside the first elongate resilient band along the unitary truss member.

7. The nose strip of any one of claims 1 to 6, wherein the adhesive layer is an acrylic, pressure sensitive bio-compatible adhesive.