WHO Medical Devices April 2022 Newsletter

Dear colleagues, hoping this message finds you safe and in good health.
We are happy to listen to WHO Director-General's opening remarks on Member State Information Session on COVID-19 - 14 April 2022.

"Last week, we saw the **lowest number of COVID-19 deaths** since the early days of the pandemic. We are pleased to see a downward trend, but the pandemic is still far from over."
Vaccination, testing, treating has to remain a priority for everyone, everywhere and very important to protect health care workers.

This month we have other good news, which we have been waiting for many years. The WHO will have an expert advisory group and another full time staff!
Please read and share in your networks, accordingly, to get the best candidates, for these two calls, before the 13th of May 2022.

Secondly, the topic of the standardization of nomenclature comes again to the World Health Assembly (WHA75) in May and hoping consensus can be reached.
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1. Strategic and Technical Advisory Group of experts for Medical Devices (STAG MEDEV)

WHO has launched a call for experts to be part of the Advisory Group for medical devices.

Deadline: 13 May 2022

Issued: 20 April 2022

The World Health Organization (WHO) is seeking experts to serve as members one of the Strategic and Technical Advisory Group on Medical Devices (STAG MEDEV). This "Call for experts" provides information about the advisory group in question, the expert profiles being sought, the process to express interest, and the process of selection.

https://www.who.int/about/collaboration/open-calls-for-advisory-groups

Functions of the Strategic and Technical Advisory Group on Medical Devices (STAG MEDEV)

- To identify and describe current and future challenges relative to medical devices and related health technologies, to support the work of WHO with Member States towards reaching the relevant Sustainable Development Goals target;
- To provide technical advice to WHO on global policies and strategies on medical devices and their linkages with other health systems elements, to support Universal Health Coverage and Global Public Health Security;
- To advise WHO on the adequacy of progress towards the achievement of Medical Devices related objectives set in the World Health Assembly resolutions;
- To provide independent evaluation of the scientific technical and strategic aspects of access to good quality, affordable, appropriate, safe and efficacious medical devices;
- To provide strategic advice to WHO on the development, update and implementation of the WHO Priority and Essential Medical Devices Lists, in line with the work of other WHO Expert Groups and Committees;
- To advise WHO on devising strategies for investment on appropriate priority medical technologies for primary health care;
- To advise WHO on strategies for increased access to medical devices for early diagnosis, effective treatment, continuous monitoring and protection.
- To recommend priorities within the Organization and/or relevant technical unit related to the field of work of STAG-MEDEV;
- To advise WHO on strategic directions to be prioritized on all types of medical devices; and
- To review and make recommendations to WHO on issues related to medical devices process as: policies, naming, innovation, selection, regulation, management, safe use until decommissioning.

Please read carefully before applying to the STAG MEDEV.

2. Nomenclature of medical devices.

Next events:

January 2022 - During the Executive Board EB150 the following documents were discussed:

1. EB150/14
   Standardization of medical devices nomenclature International classification, coding and nomenclature of medical devices
2. EB150/14Add.1
   Standardization of medical devices nomenclature International classification, coding and nomenclature of medical devices
3. EB150/14Add.2
   Financial and administrative implications for the Secretariat of decisions proposed for adoption by the Executive Board

With the following decision, which will be discussed further: EB150(10) Standardization of medical devices nomenclature (see slide below)

March 2022, a Member States information session took place, where the decision was also discussed.

Next events:

1. **29 of April 12:00 to 15:00 CET for Member States,** to discuss **the decision**, UN missions in Geneva have received the invitation. See calendar in intergovernmental events page
2. **22nd to 28th May, 2022** World Health Assembly 75. The Secretariat report will be published in this website in the following weeks and please look into the daily agenda to listen to the discussion.

More information on the nomenclature can be found **here ,** including the link to **review** the Global Atlas, 2022 edition

Milestones

World Health Organization

WHO:
EB 145,
2019
WHO
ICMD
EB 148,
WHA74
EMDN
2021

WHO
EB 150
January
2022

WHA75
May
2022

- Info session 23 Sept 2021
- >40 consultations and mapping of 13,000 terms in collaboration with nomenclature agencies. Work on WHO platforms
- Information session 16 Dec 2021 to show mapping outcomes and work on WHO platforms.
- Information session 31 Mar 2022 Decision discussion
- Information session 29 April 2022 Decision discussion
- WHO work as decided in WHA

More info: https://www.who.int/teams/health-product-policy-and-standards/assistive-and-medical-technology/medical-devices/nomenclature

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WHO Advances till 10 April

World Health Organization

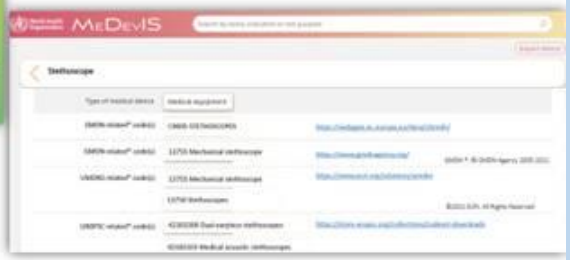
Pilot project mapping (sample: 13,129 devices from 510 manufacturers) less than 10% required further work.

Global Model Regulatory Framework proposed update

MEDEVIS includes outcomes of pilot test using codes and terms.
https://medevis.who-healthtechnologies.org/

ICD11, includes EMDN hierarchies, single code linked to the different nomenclature systems.

https://icd.who.int/browse11/l-m/en#http%3a%2f%2fid.who.int%2ficd%2fentity%2f822324204



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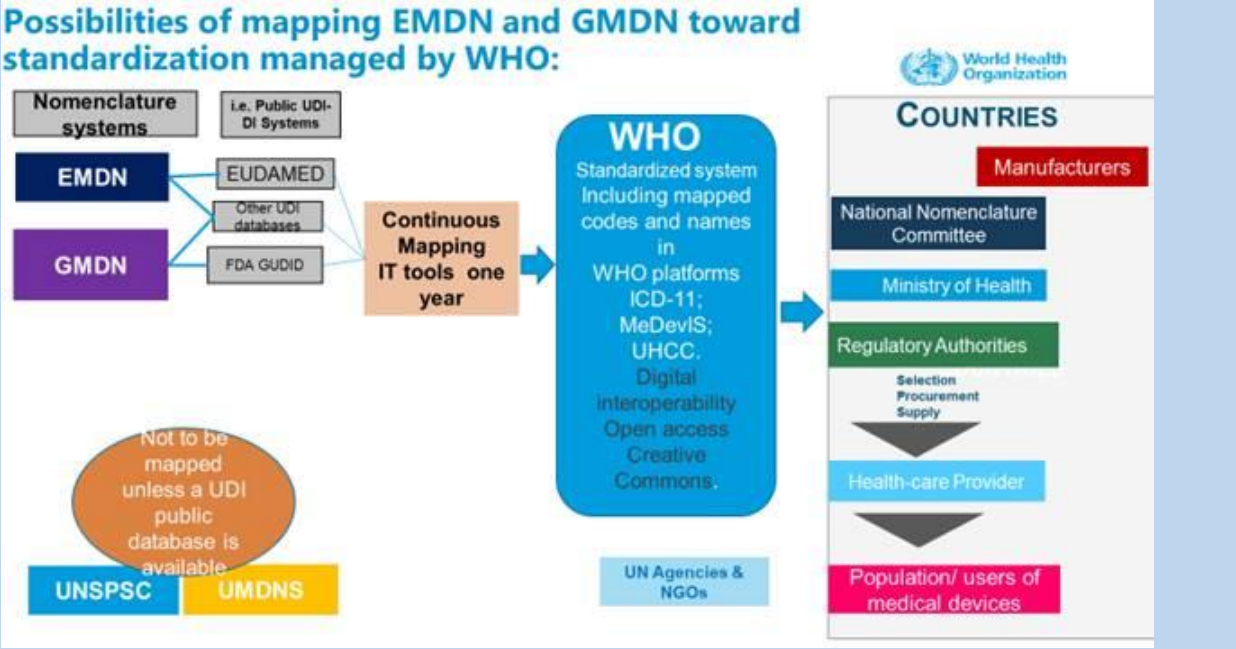
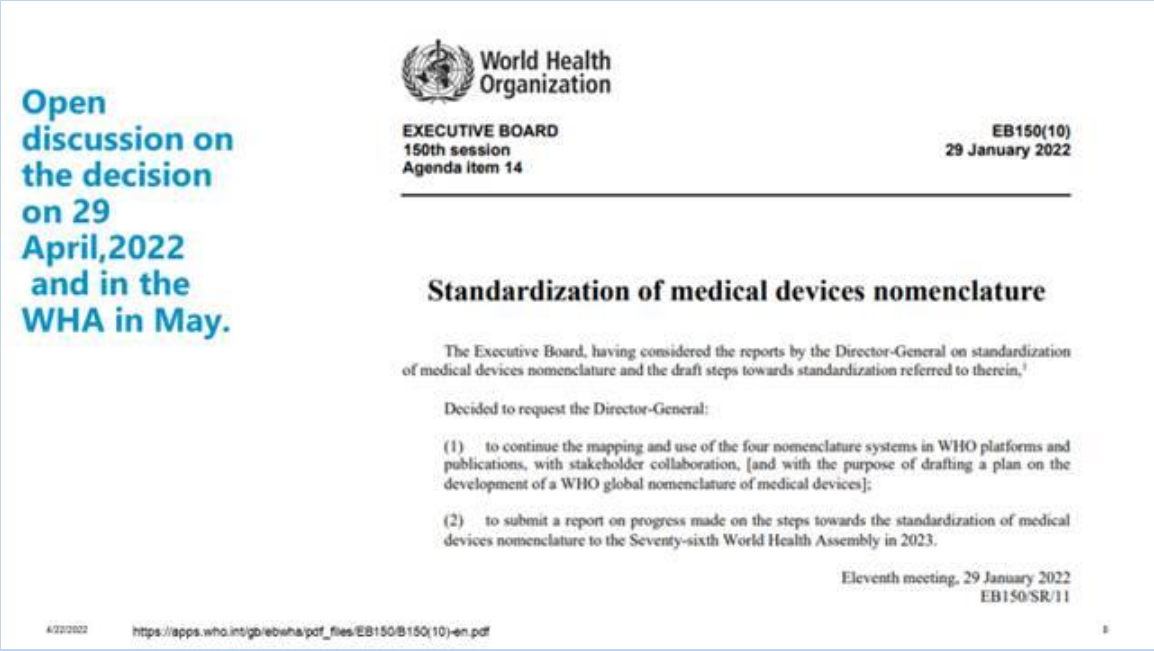


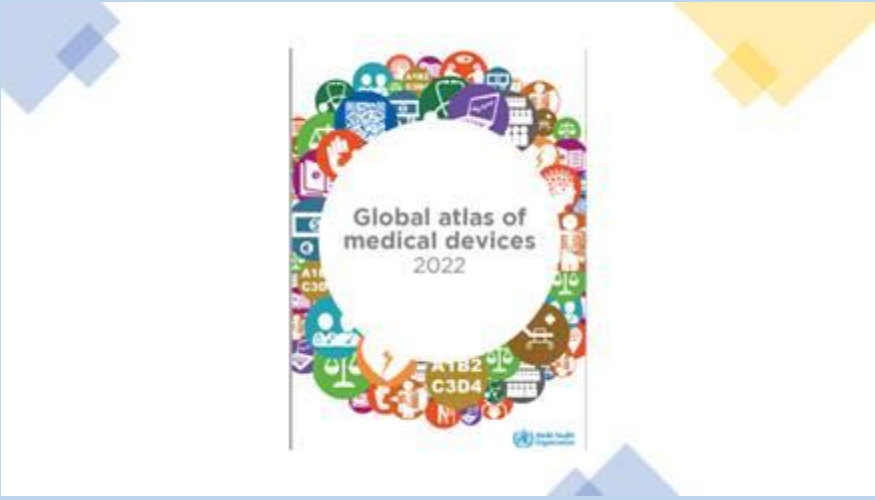


Extraordinary review of global data on medical devices

It has come to WHO attention that some Member States still need to review the information of the Global Atlas of Medical Devices, 2022. Which was under consultation in 2021.

Therefore an extraordinary extension will be given for Member States to review their information until Monday 2rd of May, 2022.

Please send the official comments on the dropbox link to medicaldevices@who.int by Monday 2nd of May. So that the approval publication process can continue.



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3. Open position WHO HQ for a Biomedical Engineer

Call for staff position "P4" in WHO, HQ for a Biomedical Engineer to work on Priority Medical Devices (one year contract). Closing day 13th of May 2022.

Apply: Job Description - Biomedical Engineer (Priority Medical Devices) (2202903) (who.int)

Description of duties:

Under the supervision and overall guidance of the Team Lead, Medical Devices and in vitro Diagnostics, the incumbent will perform the following tasks:

•Coordinate the collection, analysis and monitoring of data, information or documentation and publications in support of activities related to medical devices policies, availability and technical specifications, including the development of capacities for national governance mechanisms for accessibility.

•Lead the development of guidance and standard setting documents related to prioritization of medical devices, specifications, management, information systems and monitoring.

•Provide technical and policy advice and recommendations to the development of national strategies and plans of actions for initiating and/or strengthening medical devices programmes and improvements in the relevant national oversight systems.

•Liaise with WHO regional and country offices to support and monitor the development of regional strategies.

•Coordinate the development of training programmes on innovation, assessment and management of medical devices including for selection, procurement, donations, inventories, maintenance, safe use and decommissioning.

•Organize technical briefing seminars, regional and global technical and coordination meetings with experts, partners and collaborative networks; and represent WHO in relevant events.

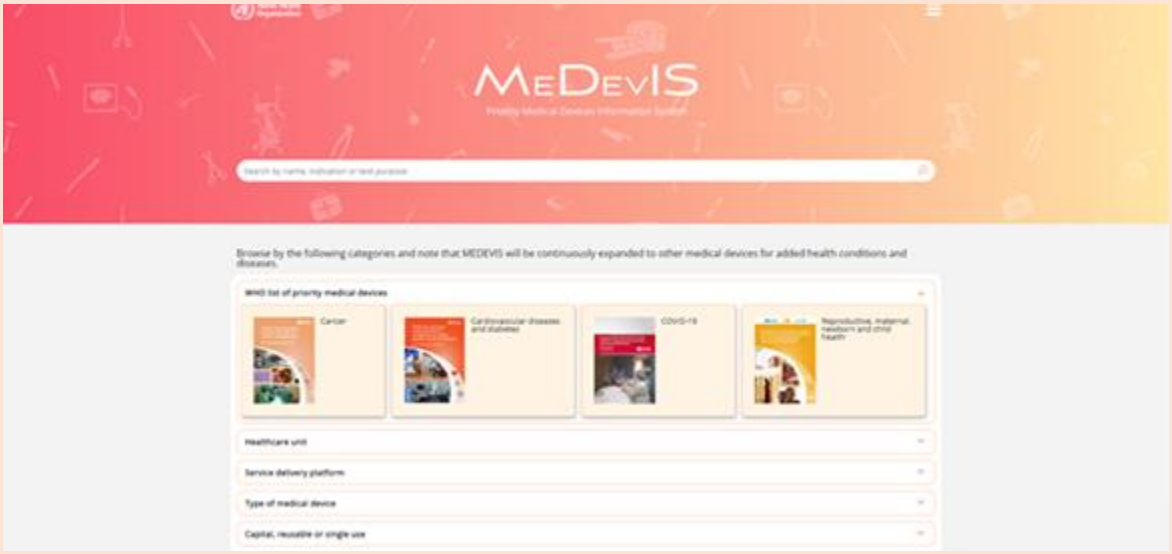
•Develop advocacy and communication materials in support of strategic engagement with partners and donors.

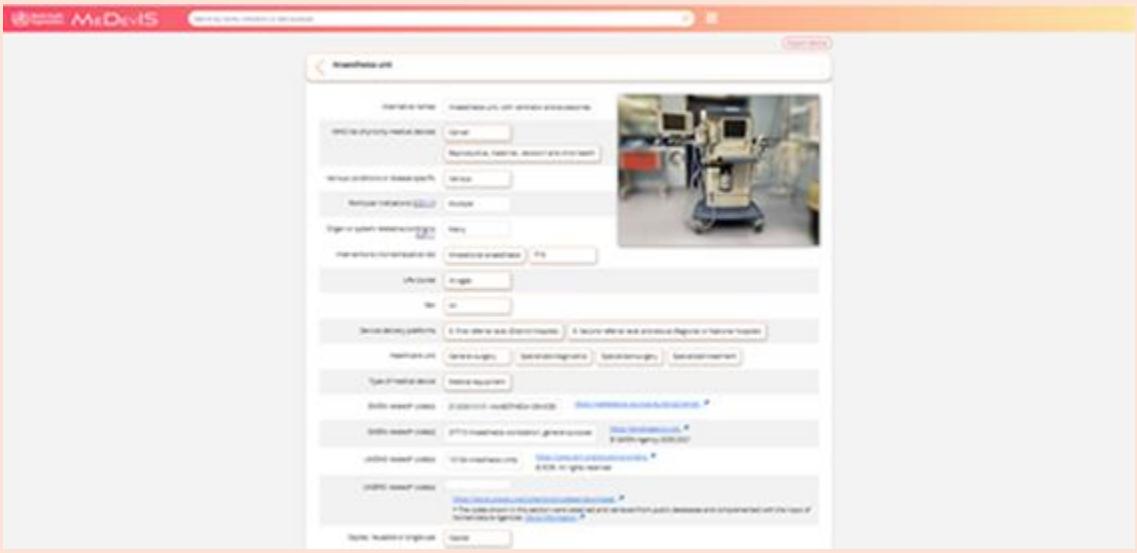
•Support funding activities for sustainability of the medical device's global projects.

Required qualifications

Education Essential: Advanced level university degree in biomedical engineering, clinical engineering, bioengineering, or related engineering fields.

Desirable: Postgraduate degree in public health, medicine, health technology assessment, health technology management, regulations of medical devices, public policies, health systems, technology innovation or related fields.





Job Search (who.int)

Please read carefully before applying.

Stay safe, take care

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