

WHO Medical Devices Newsletter

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1. New publication: Decommissioning Medical Devices

Health technology is an indispensable component of effective health care. Of these technologies, medical devices provide the foundation for prevention, diagnosis and treatment of illness and disease and rehabilitation.

This new publication addresses the decommissioning as the removal of medical devices from their originally intended use in a health care facility to an alternative use or disposal. It further explains the options to eliminate or reuse and the notion of disinvestment decision. WHO developed this guide, with support from experts, as part of the WHO Medical device technical series.



The book is available at:

<https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/330095/9789241517041-eng.pdf>

2. Reminder of the survey and actions requested,
deadline extended to Monday 16th December, 2019.

2.1 Update of the Global Atlas: The last version of the [Global Atlas for medical devices](#) was published in 2017, and the update of information for the next printed version is planned for 2020.

We kindly request your help to bring-up-to-date the figures of each country. Each request for edition needs to be sent to medicaldevices@who.int following the last Newsletter format.



2.2 Nomenclature of medical devices survey: If you use naming, classification, coding, nomenclature of any kind of medical devices including in vitro diagnostics, WHO will welcome your input in the following [survey](#).

3. Call for Proposals to host the 5th WHO Global Forum on Medical Devices

Member States recognized in World Health Assembly resolutions that medical devices are indispensable for health-care delivery but that their selection, regulation and use present enormous challenges, especially for low- and middle-income countries.

Exactly one year ago, **13th of December, 2018**, [the Fourth WHO Global Forum on Medical Devices](#) hosted in India, served as an opportunity to share WHO initiatives to support country needs on the road to Universal Health Coverage, the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and access to medical devices.

The 4th Forum was based upon the work that was accomplished at the 1st Global Forum in Bangkok in 2010, the 2nd in Geneva in 2013, and the 3rd also in Geneva in 2017.

These events function as the main opportunity to disseminate and share information on medical devices for global health and it has been attended from participants from around 100 Member States.



Now It is now time to start the preparations for **the 5th WHO Global Forum**, to be hosted in the 2nd semester of 2020.

If interested, the National Ministry of Health of a Member State is much welcome to present a proposal.

1. Dates:

- Application to be submitted before 1st March 2020
- Selection of Host for 5th GFMD- April 2020
- Date of initiation of work – May 2020

2. Characteristics of Venue:

- a. Auditorium to host plenary sessions for 1500 participants and room for 5 parallel sessions.
- b. Media and telecommunications facilities, audiovisual equipment.
- c. Access to food, beverages for coffee breaks and lunch facilities in the venue.
- d. Located in city with international airport access and nearby hotels of 3, 4 and 5 stars.
- e. Local organizing committee

Looking forward to your proposals, information to update country profiles and input in the nomenclature survey!!

Very best wishes,

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