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The [WHO Executive Board 152nd session](#), is taking place from 30 January to 7 February 2023. The [agenda](#) and live [webcast](#) are available daily. Please find below important topics which will be discussed in the EB:

Improving medical oxygen

Guidances



WHO guidance on medical oxygen supply systems in DHQ and HCS



WHO guidance on medical oxygen use in health facilities



WHO guidance on medical oxygen use in health facilities

Infographic including a series of 10 short videos providing key information to promote the sustainable use of medical oxygen



Technical cooperation with 18 countries

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Access to medical oxygen.
Increasing access to medical oxygen. Draft decision proposed by Australia, Bangladesh, Central African Republic, European Union and its 27 Member States, Kenya, Türkiye and Uganda

Oxygen is an essential medicine with no substitute. Many health care facilities were lacking continuous oxygen supply. Due to COVID-19 important investment in oxygen production and supply have been done. Technical documents, training and guidelines have been produced, nevertheless it is very important to continue and expand this work in order to ensure access to medical oxygen to all those that need it. [This decision](#) acknowledges the need, the work done and calls to action.

[WHO website on Medical Oxygen](#)

The diagram illustrates the continuum of care for medical devices, organized into three main levels of care: Tertiary Care, Secondary Care, and Primary Care. Each level includes specific interventions and digital health support. The flow is from Diagnosis/monitoring to Treatment, then to Post-operative/Rehabilitation, and finally to End-of-life care. Digital health support interventions are shown as a cross-cutting element. Pre-hospital emergency care is also highlighted at the bottom.

Access to diagnostics
Strengthening diagnostic capacity

The scope of this document includes medical devices used for screening, diagnosis, monitoring, staging, including in vitro and non-in vitro, (i.e. diagnostic imaging, EKG, endoscopes, slit lamp, blood pressure measurement devices, etc.). They are needed in the management of communicable and non-communicable diseases. They are required everywhere. This conference paper acknowledges the need and calls for Member States and WHO to actions. The paper will be found under "[conference papers](#)" 1st of February.

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The diagram shows the cross-reference medical devices nomenclatures. It includes a central box for 'WHO Nomenclature Medical devices work' and a box for 'MeDeViS'. Arrows indicate the flow of information between these entities and other nomenclatures like ICD-11, SNOMED, and others.

Standardization of medical devices nomenclature.

The **standardization of medical devices nomenclature** is agenda item [EB152/11](#) (report has been posted).

Previously, the [3rd Member States Information Session](#) on Nomenclature, took place 1st December 2022. PPT and recording are available.

As per [WHA75\(25\)](#) mandate, integration of medical devices codes and terms has initiated. More information at [medical device's nomenclature page](#).

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