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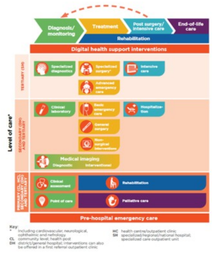
The WHO Executive Board 152nd session, is taking place from 30 January to 7 February 2023. The agenda and live webcast are available daily. Please find below important topics which will be discussed in the EB:

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



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-invitro, (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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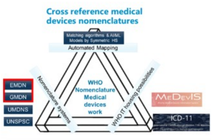

Standardization of medical devices nomenclature.

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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