



WHO Medical Devices June 2022 Newsletter

Dear colleagues,

Hoping this message finds you safe and in good health.

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1. 2022 WHO compendium of innovative health technologies for low-resource settings



The World Health Organization is very pleased to invite you to the Launch of the 2022 Edition of the WHO compendium of innovative technologies for low-resource settings.

When: Jun 28, 2022 02:00 PM CET

Registration: [Please register in advance](#)

Ten years have passed since the first edition of the [Compendium](#). Throughout the last decade, over 250 emerging and innovative health technologies addressing the unmet needs of resource-limited contexts were compiled, showcased and disseminated in an effort to enhance investment in high-quality, appropriate, affordable medical devices to support universal healthcare coverage and emergencies and outbreaks.

All details on the event can be found [online here](#) (including the webinar recording and the presentation slides after the event).

We look forward to your participation, and please disseminate to interested colleagues.

For more information, please contact: techinnovation@who.int

2. World Health Assembly 75 (WHA75) Decision on Nomenclature of Medical Devices



On 28th of May, the item 14.8 Standardization of **medical devices** Nomenclature, was discussed in the World Health Assembly (WHA75). The following Decision was agreed:

“...and re-affirming WHO’s role in the development, in a transparent and evidence-based way, of norms, standards and a standardized glossary of definitions relating to **medical devices**, as requested in resolution WHA60.29 (2007),

Decided to request the Director General:

(1) to integrate available information related to **medical devices**, including terms, codes and definitions, in the web-based database and clearinghouse established in line with resolution WHA60.29 (2007) and now available as the **Medical Devices** Information System (MEDEVIS); and to link this to other WHO platforms, such as the International Classification of Diseases (ICD-11),⁴ to serve as a reference to stakeholders and Member States;

(2) to submit a substantive report on progress made in implementing this decision to the Executive Board at its 152nd session in January 2023 and its 156th session in January 2025”

For more information:

Please [Watch WHA 75 sessions recording and access all related documents.](#)

[Decision Standardization of medical devices nomenclature A75\(25\) May 2022](#)

Review the two documents related to nomenclature of **medical devices** included as background to the decision:

- o [A75/11](#)- Standardization of **medical devices** nomenclature International classification, coding and nomenclature of **medical devices**, The Report (background, intersessional meetings, mapping possibilities, WHO platforms.
- o [A75/11 Add.1](#)- Standardization of **medical devices** nomenclature, which includes the draft proposals for the decision taken.

For more information on all events, consultations and Governing Bodies discussions, on Nomenclature of medical devices, please visit: [WHO Nomenclature of medical devices](https://www.who.int/nomenclature/medical-devices) website.

Following the WHA75(25) Decision, the following steps will take place (next 6 months)



WHO webinars and consultations with stakeholders.

Agreements to be done by WHO with relevant institutions, on nomenclature data (MOU)

Launch of the WHO Strategic and Advisory Group of Medical Devices (TAG-MEDEV Advisory Group)

Mapping of nomenclature systems, using available sources into WHO platforms (MEDEVIS, ICD-11, ...)

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Besides, the 2022 edition of the Global Atlas of Medical Devices will be published in the next months, following an approval process. (More information [Here](#)).

Extraordinary review of country data, for the future publication of the 2022 WHO Global Atlas of Medical Devices.



The data is part of the up-date of the 2022 Global Atlas of Medical Devices, including information until 16 of May 2022.

Indicator: Existence and type of official nomenclature system for medical devices by country

None (do not have) 75

More than one system 15

Based on UMDNS 16

Based on GMDN 15

Based on EMDN 27

Nationally developed 32

No answer 14

Data reported in 2021, by 180 MS, in country survey for Global Atlas of Medical Devices
Latest updates from 43 countries (September 2021-May 2022)

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Existence and type of official nomenclature system for medical devices



N= 194

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Please stay safe and take care

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