



WHO Medical Devices

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WHO Campaign on Medical Devices

The 76 World Health Assembly took place end of May, and here below we would like to share with you some topics related to medical devices.



Resolution WHA76.3 Increasing access to medical oxygen.

Working towards ensuring medical oxygen to be available for everyone everywhere...

We all noted the importance of having medical oxygen available during COVID-19, nevertheless no serious investment had been made before COVID-19.

This resolution WHA76.3 describes the agreed actions forward, recognizing that medical oxygen is essential for hypoxemia across multiple diseases and health conditions and needs to be available for pandemics and emergencies, as well as in the health systems to support universal health coverage. It is an essential medicine that requires complex infrastructure and medical devices to deliver and monitor it. Therefore, requires interdisciplinary approach including medical doctors and engineers.

[WHO website on Medical Oxygen](#)



Resolution WHA76.5 Strengthening diagnostic capacity.

To improve access to in vitro and non-in vitro diagnostics devices and services.

"WHA76.5 Strengthening diagnostics capacity" is the new resolution that addresses the access to all types of diagnostics, i.e. stethoscopes, oximeters, EKG, laboratory tests and imaging technologies. It calls for Member States to "to consider the establishment of national diagnostics strategies, as part of their national health plans, that include regulation, assessment and management of diagnostics and development of integrated networks to tackle all diseases and medical challenges, avoiding current silos" among other 14 items and request the DG of WHO to "update the WHO Model List of Essential In Vitro Diagnostics and the WHO lists of priority medical devices, to include innovative diagnostics, following a review of the latest evidence" among other 15 asks. We need to work together to ensure diagnostics are available everywhere and to everyone...

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Decision WHA75(25) Standardization of medical devices nomenclature.

May 2022, in the 75th WHA, a decision was taken: WHA75(25) referring to medical devices codes, terms and definitions.

January 2023 during the 152 Executive Board a report was presented: EB152/11

May 2023, WHA76, you can listen to the live webcast discussion by Member States at: <https://www.who.int/about/governance/world-health-assembly/seventy-sixth-world-health-assembly> Please select: WHA76 - Committee A, twelfth session, on 27/05/2023 - 09:15-11:30 that includes Member States interventions for 13.7 - Standardization of medical devices nomenclature

As responded by the Assistant Director General Dr Nakatani, the secretariat is working, on this mandate, and more information and consultations will be available in the next months.

[WHO Nomenclature of medical devices page](#)



Pricing survey for glucometers and other technologies for diabetes management

If you are familiar with procurement prices at facility level kindly take 20 minutes to answer the survey by July 31 2023.

WHO is conducting a baseline assessment of pricing and availability of priority medical devices for diabetes basic management. The objective of the survey is to collect information for the following devices:

- Blood glucose meters, including:
 - Strips (or equivalent)
 - Lancets
 - Insulin syringes
- Glycated haemoglobin analyser (HbA1C) and required consumables
- Blood pressure measurement devices, with cuff (automated or semiautomated)

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