



WHO Medical Devices March 2021 Newsletter

Dear colleagues,

*Hoping you are doing well and safe
please find below latest information
on:*

- 1. Fair pricing forum to take place
in April and
on publications released in March:*
- 2. New guidelines for Screening
tuberculosis and*
- 3. New WHO-IAEA Radiotherapy
technical specifications*

*Also, kindly note that [WHO DAY IS 7TH
APRIL](#)*

and that [WHO medical devices webpage](#) is being constantly updated with new information for your consideration.

1. Fair Pricing Forum – 13-22 April 2021

In 2019, the World Health Assembly adopted Resolution [WHA 72.8](#) on Improving the transparency of markets for medicines, vaccines, and other health products. The resolution requests the Director-General, inter alia, “To continue its efforts to biennially convene the Fair Pricing Forum with Member States and all relevant stakeholders to discuss the affordability and transparency of prices and costs relating to health products.” The medical devices session will take place on the 14th of April:

2021 FAIR PRICING FORUM
13-22 April 2021 organized with the support of **Argentina**
Fair Pricing in times of public health emergency and to accelerate achievements of Sustainable Development Goals health targets


World Health Organization

AGENDA AT GLANCE

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| 13 April | 12:00-13:45 (UTC) Opening address / Plenary 1 The need for Global Public Goods and affordable access for all in the time of COVID-19 pandemic and beyond (incl. Opening remarks) | 14:00-15:30 (UTC) Plenary 2 Looking back and looking forward on national transparency initiatives, pricing policy reforms and role of stakeholders | |
| | 14 April | 12:00-13:30 (UTC) Parallel session 1 Cross-border collaborative initiatives to bring about more affordable pricing of vaccines and medicines | Parallel session 2 Promoting transparency for accountable medical innovation |

Info: <https://www.who.int/news-room/events/detail/2021/04/13/default-calendar/fair-pricing-forum-2021>

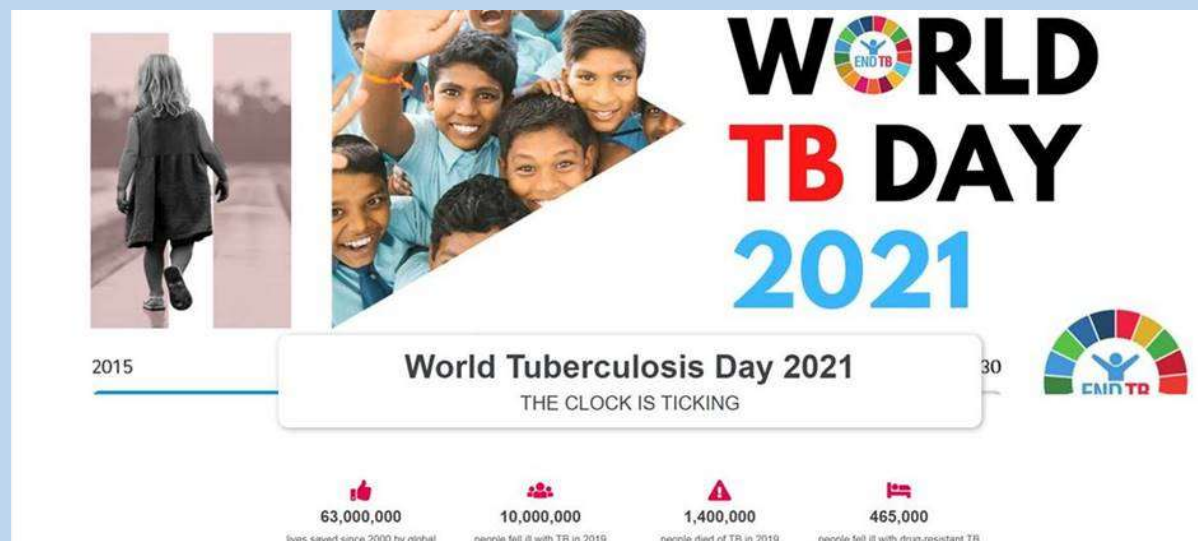
A limited number of places may be available to interested individuals working in this area. If you would like to register your interest to participate, please provide your details here: <https://indico.un.org/event/35734/overview> . All individual expressions of interest will be evaluated. Selected individuals will be sent a formal registration link.

The agenda for the Forum can be found here: [Agenda at a glance](#)

2. 24 March WORD TB DAY, NEW GUIDELINES PUBLISHED

TUBERCULOSIS, DEADLY DISEASE THAT IS PREVENTABLE AND CURABLE

Each year, we commemorate World Tuberculosis (TB) Day on March 24 to raise public awareness about the devastating health, social and economic consequences of TB, and to step up efforts to end the global TB epidemic. The date marks the day in 1882 when Dr Robert Koch announced that he had discovered the bacterium that causes TB, which opened the way towards diagnosing and curing this disease. TB remains one of the world's deadliest infectious killers.



The banner features a collage of images: a person walking away on a path, a group of smiling children, and the 'END TB' logo. The text 'WORLD TB DAY 2021' is prominently displayed in large, bold letters. Below this, a clock graphic shows the year 2015 on the left and 2030 on the right, with the text 'World Tuberculosis Day 2021' and 'THE CLOCK IS TICKING' in the center. At the bottom, four statistics are listed with corresponding icons: a thumbs up for lives saved, a group of people for people falling ill, a warning triangle for people dying, and a bed for people falling ill with drug-resistant TB.

| Icon | Statistic |
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| 👍 | 63,000,000 lives saved since 2000 by global |
| 👥 | 10,000,000 people fell ill with TB in 2019 |
| ⚠️ | 1,400,000 people died of TB in 2019 |
| 🛏️ | 465,000 people fell ill with drug-resistant TB |

4000 lose their lives to TB and close to 28,000 people fall ill with this preventable and curable disease.

WHO announces updated guidance on the systematic screening for tuberculosis

The updated guidance avails of the latest evidence and best available practices on new approaches to screening of people at risk,

the role of new technologies such as computer-aided detection(CAD) to interpret chest radiography and the use of molecular rapid diagnostics for screening.

3. New publication published 5th March: WHO IAEA Technical specifications for radiotherapy equipment

**[https://www.who.int/news/item/05-03-2021-new-who-iaea-
publication-provides-guidance-on-radiotherapy-
equipment-to-fight-cancer](https://www.who.int/news/item/05-03-2021-new-who-iaea-publication-provides-guidance-on-radiotherapy-equipment-to-fight-cancer)**



New WHO/IAEA publication provides guidance on radiotherapy equipment to fight cancer



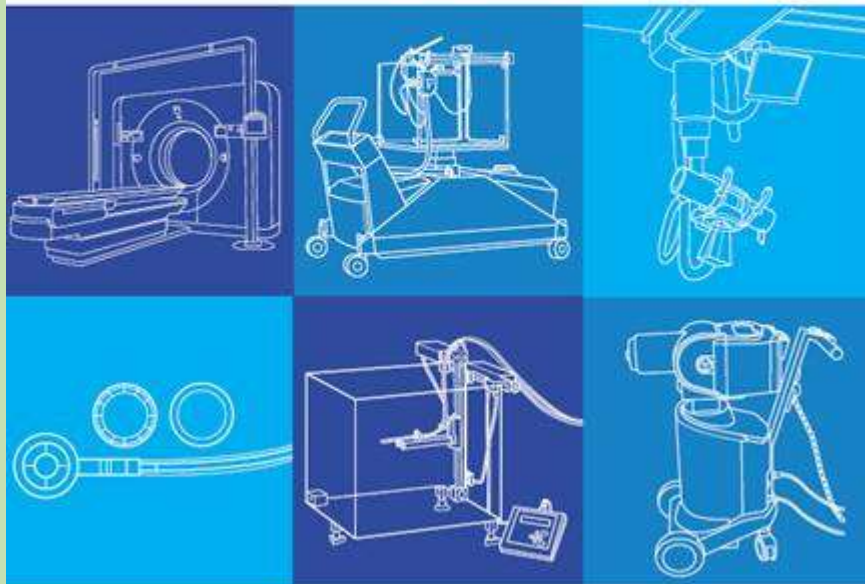
5 March 2021 | News release | Geneva/Vienna | Reading time: 3 min (887 words)

Media Contacts

This new publication can support countries in procurement of essential radiotherapy equipment

<https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240019980>

Technical specifications of radiotherapy equipment for cancer treatment



More related information on [cancer](#), [cervical cancer](#), [medical devices](#) :



Controlling Cancer



Preventing cancer



Promoting Cancer Early Diagnosis



Ensuring quality cancer treatment

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8 December 2020

WHO framework for strengthening and scaling-up services for the management of invasive cervical cancer

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3 February 2020

WHO report on cancer: setting priorities, investing wisely and providing care for all

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29 January 2020

Guide for establishing a pathology laboratory in the context of cancer control

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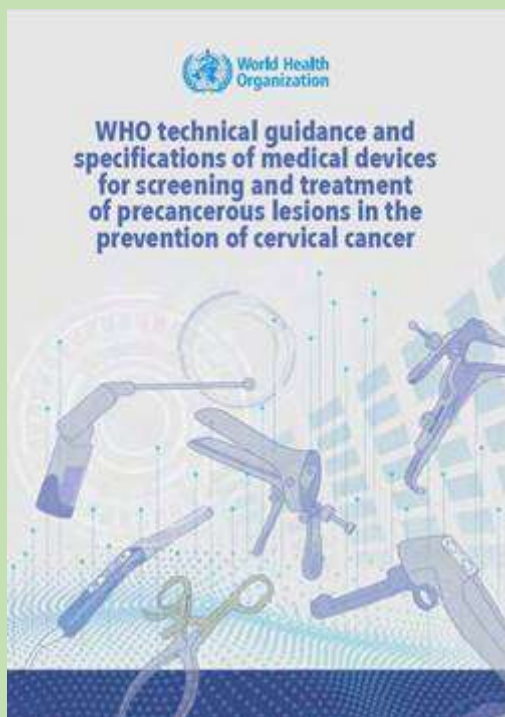


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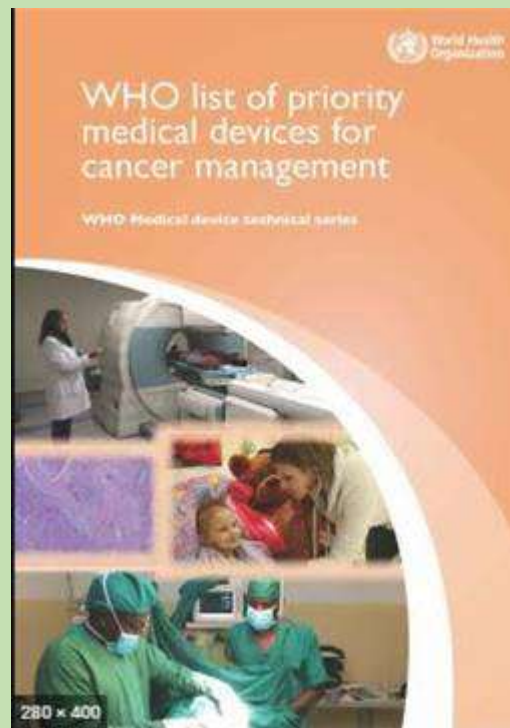
WHO Guidelines for the pharmacological and radiotherapeutic management of cancer pain in adults and adolescents

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Related publications:



and



<https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240002630>

https://www.who.int/medical_devices/publications/priority_med_dev_cancer_management/en/

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Many thanks

Best regards

Stay safe!

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