

WHO Medical Devices

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WHO Campaign on Medical Devices

In this issue you will find: a message for International Women's Day, the first H-TAP call for applications for sublicenses of SD Biosensor INC (SDB) rapid diagnostic testing (RDT), a bid for "Medical Oxygen Training for Biomedical Personnel" in Tunisia, and the call for submissions for the fifth WHO model list of essential in vitro diagnostics (EDL 5).



"Invest in women: Accelerate Progress"

In occasion of International Women's day on March 8, 2024, the women in the *WHO Medical Devices and In Vitro Diagnostics Team* (Left to right: Daniela Rodríguez Rodríguez, Adriana Velásquez Berumen and Ana Aceves Capri) want to share with you the messages from:

the WHO Regional Director for Africa,
the WHO Regional Director for South-East Asia,
the WHO Regional Office of the Americas,
the WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean,
the WHO Regional Office for Europe,
and the WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific / UN Women,
as they joined the world in marking the global day, this year themed **"Invest in women: Accelerate Progress"**



HTAP Call for application for prospective IVD RDT manufacturers

In January 2024, WHO announced the Health Technology Access Pool (H-TAP) initiative to provide an adaptable structure and process for securing health technologies that address important health access gaps and support their diversified production.

WHO and Medicines Patent Pool (MPP) are pleased to share the first HTAP prototype [call for application](#) for sublicenses of SD Biosensor Inc. (SDB) rapid diagnostic testing (RDT) prequalified technology. The sublicense will provide sublicensees with the right know-how and material to manufacture SD20 rapid diagnostic testing (RDT) technology, which includes COVID-19, HIV, Malaria, Syphilis and Hepatitis. This call represents an important milestone in supporting the diversified manufacturing of health products to ensure health security in LMICs.

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Deadline: 30 April 2024



WHO Tunisia is seeking offers for "Medical Oxygen Training for Biomedical Personnel"

Closing date of the bid is on the 31st of March 2024 at 13:00

WHO requires the successful bidder, to provide training that will support the implementation, monitoring and oversight of Pressure Swing Adsorption (PSA) plants to ensure sustainability and maximized impact of increased global oxygen capacity.

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The call for submissions for the fifth WHO model list of essential in vitro diagnostics (EDL 5) is open

The call is open until 30 June 2024, 12PM CEST

The EDL is a health policy document, based on scientific evidence, consisting of a list of categories of in vitro diagnostics (IVD) tests and recommendations for using those tests in relation to the assay format, test purpose, specimen type and health care setting. The EDL aims to serve as a reference to guide development of or to update a national EDL (NEDL) at the country level within the framework of universal health coverage.

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