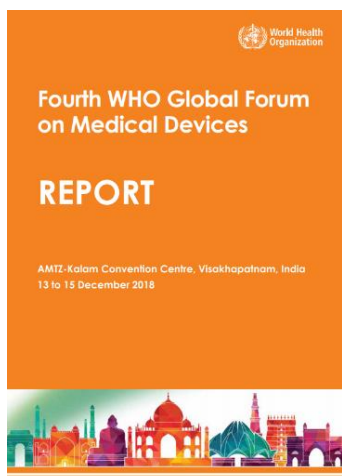


# WHO Medical Devices Newsletter, May 2019



## 1. The upcoming 72<sup>th</sup> Session of the WHO World Health Assembly (WHA)

The [World Health Assembly will take place in Geneva, Switzerland 20–28 May 2019](#). The WHA is attended by delegations from all WHO Member States and focuses on a specific health agenda prepared by the Executive Board.

Member States have a vote and voice on every topic of the agenda.

The main functions of the WHA are to determine the policies of the Organization, review and approve the proposed programme budget.

The [provisional agenda](#) for the 72<sup>th</sup> Session has been made available online.

There are many important topics, but we call your attention to some related with medical technologies, of special interest to be discussed at the Assembly include:

- [Access to medicines and vaccines](#) (title says Medicines and Vaccines but content indicates all health products, including medical devices and work to be done in this area)
- [Human resources for health](#)
- [Patient safety](#)
- [Emergency and trauma care](#)
- [Progress report](#) (includes discussion of regulation of medical products)
- [Universal health coverage](#)

All session of the World Health Assembly will be available by live webcast for the public to watch.

## 2. 145<sup>th</sup> Session of the Executive Board

[The 145<sup>th</sup> Session of the Executive Board takes place at WHO headquarters, Geneva, 29 and 30 May 2019.](#)

The members of the Board for this session can be found [here](#). The [provisional agenda](#) has been released.

### A very important topic to be discussed: Standardization of Medical Devices nomenclature

Owing to rapid scientific and technological development, more than 10 000 types of medical devices now exist.

A standardized classification and nomenclature of medical devices will serve as a common language for recording and reporting medical devices across the whole health system at all levels of health care for a whole range of uses.

The topic has been [agreed for consideration](#) at the upcoming 145<sup>th</sup> Session of the Executive Board and will be discussed.

You can now access the [WHO report on the Standardization of nomenclature](#). More information on nomenclature, classification, and coding can be found [here](#).

## WHO publications:

### 3. Fourth WHO Global forum on Medical Devices report has been released

The Fourth WHO Global Forum on Medical Devices was held in December 2018 in Visakhapatnam, India. It served as an opportunity to share WHO initiatives to support country needs on the road to Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The programme included presentations on best practices, challenges and new tools for innovation, regulation, assessment and management of medical devices.

[The report for the Forum](#) has now been published.

For more information, find all documents [in the 4<sup>th</sup> Global Forum page](#).

## 4. WHO technical consultation on the selection of health products, 2019

To support countries in selection of essential health products, WHO maintains four model lists:

- WHO Model List of Essential Medicines (EML)
- WHO Model List of Essential In vitro Diagnostics (EDL)
- WHO Lists of Priority Medical Devices (PMD)
- WHO Priority Assistive Products List (APL)

In January 2019, WHO consulted stakeholders on how these lists are used and how they might be improved and integrated to meet country needs. Through an online survey and expert meeting, stakeholders reviewed each list, identified strengths and weaknesses, and suggested improvements. The [results of this consultation](#) are now available online.

## 5. Careers at WHO

[WHO Internship programme](#)

[New positions under recruitment by WHO](#)

## 6. Calendar of events

At WHO

[72<sup>nd</sup> Session of the WHO World Health Assembly \(WHA\)](#), 20–28 May 2019, Geneva, Switzerland

[145<sup>th</sup> Session of the WHO Executive Board](#), 29–30 May 2019, Geneva, Switzerland

### Other organizations

[Africa Health by Informa Markets](#), 28–30 May 2019, Johannesburg, South Africa  
Early bird rates deadline: 5<sup>th</sup> May 2019

[Advancing Safety in Health Technology Exchange 2019](#), 7-10 June 2019, Cleveland, USA

[Health Technology Assessment International \(HTAi\) Annual Congress](#), 15-19 June 2019, Cologne, Germany

[VIII Congreso Latinoamericano de Ingeniería Biomédica \(CLAIB 2019\)](#), 2-5 October 2019, Cancun, Mexico

Full paper submission deadline: 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Phase 2 registration deadline: 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019

[International Clinical Engineering and Health Technology Management Congress 2019](#), 21-22 October 2019,  
Rome, Italy

Paper submission deadline: 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019

Phase 2 registration deadline: 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019

[IHF 43<sup>rd</sup> World Hospital Congress 2019](#), 7-9 November 2019, Muscat, Oman

Early Birth registration deadline: 15<sup>th</sup> August 2019

Best regards,

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