Evidence-based, standardized and high-quality knowledge products on management of medical oxygen and respiratory care devices for South and South-East Asia

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Description/ Background

The problem
- An unprecedented demand for medical oxygen during 2021 due to the surge in COVID-19 cases
- Gap in capacity to manage the newly installed respiratory care devices in the health facilities
- Limited knowledge and lack of relevant skills to operate and manage the respiratory care devices

The solution
High-quality and reliable knowledge products to strengthen the capacities of biomedical engineers and other healthcare service providers

Developed by
Member States in WHO’s South-East Asia region, in collaboration with PATH
Goals of the project and end-users

**Goal**
Strengthened biomedical capacity for oxygen and respiratory care devices

**Beneficiaries**
Regional goods for use by –
- Health facility managers,
- Biomedical engineers and
- Technicians in the area of biomedical engineering

The knowledge products will also be available for use as ready reference
Equipment Listing & approach

- Identify:
  - A long list of oxygen and respiratory care equipment
  - Include diagnostic equipment like USG, ECG as well

Preliminary literature review

- Collect & Collate:
  - Information on respiratory care trainings, SOPs, manufacturers’ guides, etc. from all SEAR nations

Documentation framework

- Review & Design:
  - A framework for the regional module and operating guides
  - Reviewed literature from WHO’s Global and regional offices

Document development & review

- Document:
  - Training module and operating guides as per the framework
  - Shared with technical experts for review and feedback

Disseminate

- Finalize:
  - Incorporate all feedback, quality check, finalize and disseminate
Areas covered

- Oxygen Production Sources (PSA, OCs)
- Oxygen Storage Systems (Cylinders, LMO Tanks)
- Oxygen Distribution Systems (MGPS, Manifold)
- Oxygen Delivery to Patients (Ventilators)
- Oxygen Delivery to Patients (Devices)

- Oxygen Delivery to Patients (Consumables)
- Patient Monitoring Systems
- Patient Diagnostic Systems
- Fire Safety Measures
- Biomedical Waste Management
To supplement the medical oxygen infrastructure developed by the Member States in WHO's South East Asia region during the COVID-19 pandemic, two high quality and reliable knowledge products on respiratory care devices were developed to strengthen the capacity of biomedical engineers.

Both documents are expected to be included in the National Influenza Pandemic Preparedness Plans (NIPPPs) as annexes for preparedness and response during epidemics and pandemics.
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<td>The guidance document will give the users an idea of the level of expertise required to install the devices, the types of maintenance required, and the frequency of interventions needed</td>
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## Training Modules

1. Provides a course plan spanning over 04 days, with multiple session per day

2. Includes information on medical oxygen systems, from its source, to storage, to its delivery to patients.

3. Considering the evolving nature of respiratory infections, the modules also cover diagnostic devices, such as ultrasound machine, electrocardiogram (ECG) and X-ray machines.

4. Employ participatory learning techniques, led by both the trainers and trainees. Course design provides opportunities for individual participation in exercises and engage with the facilitator.

5. This document can be customized and translated as per availability of respiratory care equipment and devices in the country and translated into local language.
Unique Value Proposition

Made by biomedical engineers, for biomedical engineers
Developed specifically for the Biomedical Engineers and technicians. Field tested and vetted by technical experts.

Evidence based TLMs, custom built to country’s requirements
Standardized, evidence-based, and high-quality training and learning materials, which can be custom built as per the availability of country’s respiratory care equipment and devices.

Covers oxygen devices from source to storage to delivery
Covers medical oxygen systems from its source to storage to its delivery to patients, including diagnostic devices, such as ultrasound machine, ECG and X-ray machines.

Specifications to guide a wide range of administrative functions
Each operating guideline provides technical product specifications for respiratory care equipment and devices that may prove useful in the selection, procurement, use and maintenance of these products.
Thank you!