

WHO Medical Devices Newsletter

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1. Coronavirus 2019-nCoV

1.1 **Technical guidance:** WHO is updating technical guidance every day, please find it here:

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/technical-guidance>

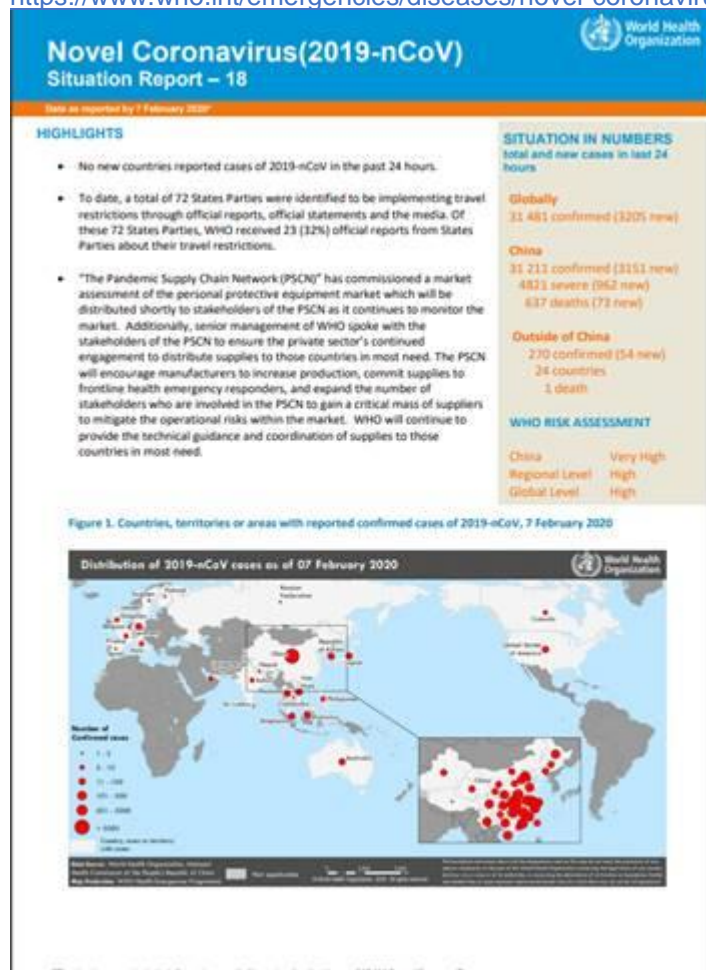
Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) technical guidance

All technical guidance by topic

- Country Readiness
- Surveillance and Case Definitions
- Laboratory Guidance
- Patient Management
- Infection Prevention and Control in Health Care Facilities
- Early Investigations
- Risk Communication and Community Engagement
- Disease Commodity Package
- Reduction of Transmission from Animals to Humans

1.2 Daily Situation reports, can be found:

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports>



1.3 **Research and Development Blue print** to accelerate vaccines, diagnostics and therapeutics for Novel Coronavirus

<https://www.who.int/blueprint/en/>

2. Innovations

WHO publishes Emergency Use Listing procedure and roadmap to make new medical products more readily available during health emergencies

<https://www.who.int/medicines/news/2020/emergency-use-listing-procedure-and-roadmap-he/en/>

3. WHO model list of essential in vitro diagnostics

The list will be updated with 26 submissions that were received since September 2019, The open session to discuss the WHO work on essential in vitro diagnostics will take place in WHO HQ, Geneva Monday 23rd March. Participation is welcome in person or via internet. The submissions are open for consultation until 15th March, available in page:

https://www.who.int/medical_devices/diagnostics/selection_in-vitro/selection_in-vitro-meetings/sage-ivd-3rd-meeting/en/

Please note these include editions, new diagnostic tests and for the first time, “negative listing”. Comments are welcome in the attached formats. More information will be available until 23 February.



4. WHO Consultations

The draft Policy Brief on traceability of health products is open for consultation until 28 February 2020

<https://www.who.int/medicines/regulation/traceability/draft-policy-brief-on-traceability-health-products-comments/en/>

5. Subscribe to WHO Newsletter,

In the link below you can register to the WHO general news

<https://www.who.int/news-room/newsletters>

6. Mark your calendars for 2020:

This week the 146 Executive Board took place. Topics included discussions on Emergencies, Elimination of Cervical Cancer, Eye care, tuberculosis research and innovation, Influenza preparedness, Digital Health among others.

The topics will be discussed by all Member States in the World Health Assembly in May.

The documents, video webcast and statements of non-state actors can be viewed at: http://apps.who.int/gb/e/e_eb146.html

73rd World Health Assembly, 17 to 21 May

<https://www.who.int/about/governance/world-health-assembly>

147th Executive Board, 22-23 May

<https://www.who.int/about/governance/executive-board>

2020 year of the nurse and midwife:

<https://www.who.int/campaigns/year-of-the-nurse-and-the-midwife-2020>

WHO global health days:

<https://www.who.int/campaigns>

World hearing day 2020: Hearing for life:

<https://www.who.int/news-room/events/detail/2020/03/03/default-calendar/world-hearing-day-2020-hearing-for-life>

International Conference of Regulatory Authorities, 28 September – 2 October:

https://www.who.int/medicines/areas/quality_safety/regulation_legislation/icdra/ICDRA2020/en/

Other meetings

International Medical Devices Regulators Forum, Tuesday 17 March:

<http://www.imdrf.org/meetings/meetings.asp>

Health Technology Assessment International, HTAI, regional meeting in Ukraine, 1st and 2nd April:

<https://htai.org/ukraine/program>

Annual Meeting Beijing: June

<https://htai.org/annual-meetings/htai-2020-beijing/>

International Federation of Biomedical Laboratory Science, 1-5th September:

<https://ifbls2020.org/>

International Federation of Healthcare Engineering, 26th Congress, 23-28 May:

<https://www.ifhe.info/>

7. Information from January Newsletter: Consultations still open from 2019 until 15 February:



2.1 Information to Update Country profiles - Global atlas of medical devices

Global Atlas of medical devices book provides the global, regional and country data particularly on the availability of specific medical devices, policies, guidelines, standards and services.

Related links:

- [WHO Global Atlas of medical devices , 2017 \[pdf, 11.63mb\]](#)
- [WORD DOCUMENT TO UPDATE YOUR COUNTRY PROFILE](#)
- [Country profiles - Medical devices regulatory systems at country level](#)
- [Global Health Observatory \(GHO\) interactive maps on medical devices](#)
- [Global health observatory, data repository](#)

Action requested:

We kindly request your help to bring-up-to-date the figures of each country. Each request for edition needs to be sent to medicaldevices@who.int.

2.2 Information to know about the need and use of nomenclature for medical devices



Standardization of medical devices nomenclature

International classification, coding and nomenclature
of medical devices

If you use naming, classification, coding, nomenclature of any kind of medical devices including in vitro diagnostics, WHO will welcome your input in the following [Survey](#)

2.3 Call for Proposals to host the 5th WHO Global Forum on Medical Devices

Now it is now time to start the preparations for the 5th WHO Global Forum, to be hosted in the 2nd semester of 2020.

If interested, the National Ministry of Health of a Member State is much welcome to present a proposal.



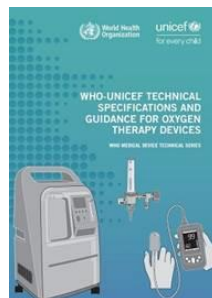
1. Dates:

- Application to be submitted before 1st March 2020
- Selection of Host for 5th GFMD- April 2020
- Date of initiation of work – May 2020

2. Characteristics of Venue:

- a. Auditorium to host plenary sessions for 1500 participants and room for 5 parallel sessions.
- b. Media and telecommunications facilities, audiovisual equipment.
- c. Access to food, beverages for coffee breaks and lunch facilities in the venue.
- d. Located in city with international airport access and nearby hotels of 3, 4 and 5 stars.
- e. Local organizing committee

4. Publications released in 2019:



4.1 Report of the 4th Global Forum on medical devices

<https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/312154/WHO-MVP-EMP-2019.04-eng.pdf?ua=1>

4.2 Technical specifications and guidance for oxygen therapy devices

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

4.3 Decommissioning Medical

Devices <https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/330095/9789241517041-eng.pdf>

4.4. First WHO Model List of Essential In Vitro Diagnostics

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

4.5 Second model List of Essential in vitro diagnostics

https://www.who.int/medical_devices/publications/TRS_1022_SAGE_IVD_Second_WML_of_Essential_In_Vitro_Diagnostics/en/

4.6 Standardization of nomenclature of medical devices

http://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/EB145/B145_3-en.pdf?ua=1 (will be discussed again in the Executive Board 147, May 2020)