

## 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 7<sup>TH</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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**

<b>13</b> April	12:00-13:45 (UTC) <b>Opening address / Plenary 1</b> 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) <b>Plenary 2</b> Looking back and looking forward on national transparency initiatives, pricing policy reforms and role of stakeholders	
	<b>14</b> April	12:00-13:30 (UTC) <b>Parallel session 1</b> Cross-border collaborative initiatives to bring about more affordable pricing of vaccines and medicines	<b>Parallel session 2</b> 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

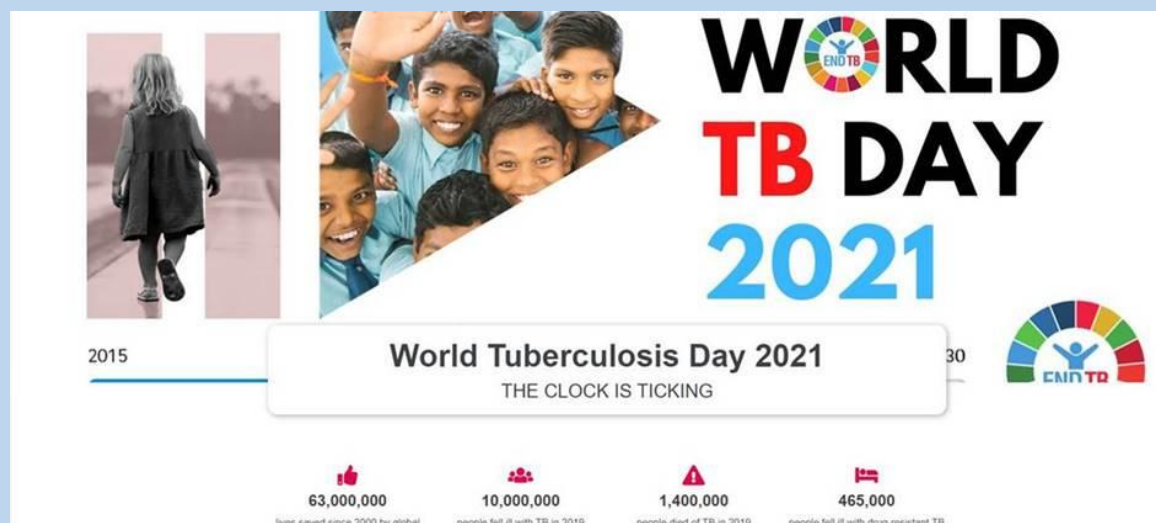
here: <https://indico.un.org/event/35734/overview> . All individual expressions of interest will be evaluated. Selected individuals will be sent a formal registration link.

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.



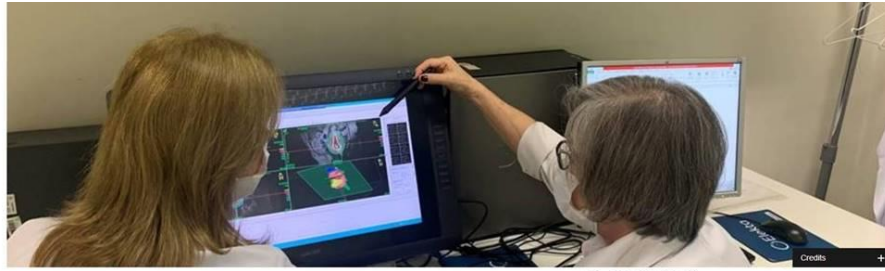
4000 lose their lives to TB and close to 28,000 people fall ill with this preventable and curable disease.

### **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>



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



5 March 2021 | News release | Geneva/Venice | Reading time: 3 min (987 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



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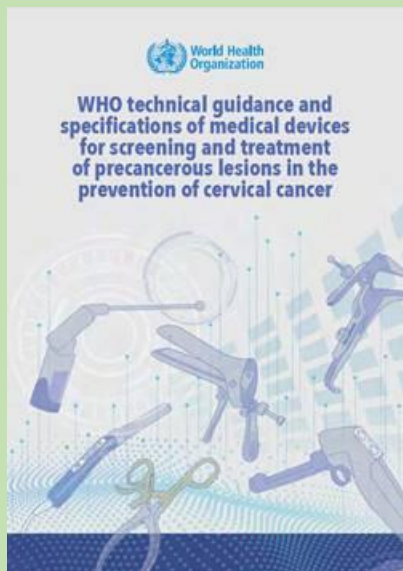
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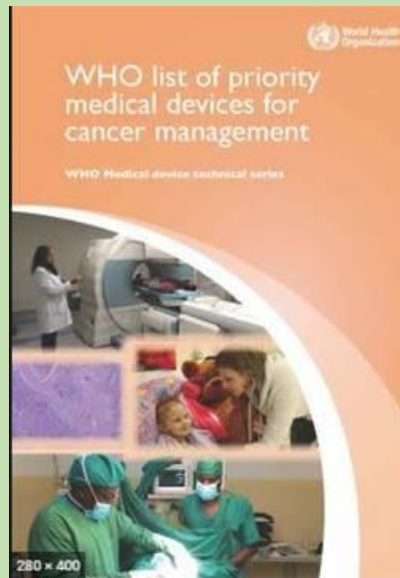
31 January 2019  
WHO Guidelines for the pharmacological and radiotherapeutic management of cancer pain in adults and adolescents

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