

## WHO Medical Devices April 2021 Newsletter

Dear colleagues,

Hoping you are doing well and safe.

We need to continue working together in steady steps to ensure PPE, oxygen and medical equipment and in vitro diagnostics are available for all that need them!

Find below latest information and please disseminate in your networks

1. *Oxygen related medical equipment WHO information webinar*
2. *Essential in vitro diagnostic information, COVID-19 technical specifications*
3. *And we invite you to review the recent [WHO medical devices webpage](#) and expression of interest for consultants and innovation.*

1. **Oxygen and related equipment information and webinar 4<sup>th</sup> May.**



**WHO invites all interested to a webinar on the 4<sup>th</sup> of May to present tools and guidelines**

### **COVID-19: Bridging the gap between oxygen needs and technical solutions**

The World Health Organization and partners are pleased to invite you to the COVID-19: Bridging the gap between oxygen needs and technical solutions webinar.

**When: 4th May 2021, 1330 - 1530hrs CET**

#### **Registration:**

[https://who.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_CjoKgdRT2u1xt0IwvF7eg](https://who.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_CjoKgdRT2u1xt0IwvF7eg)

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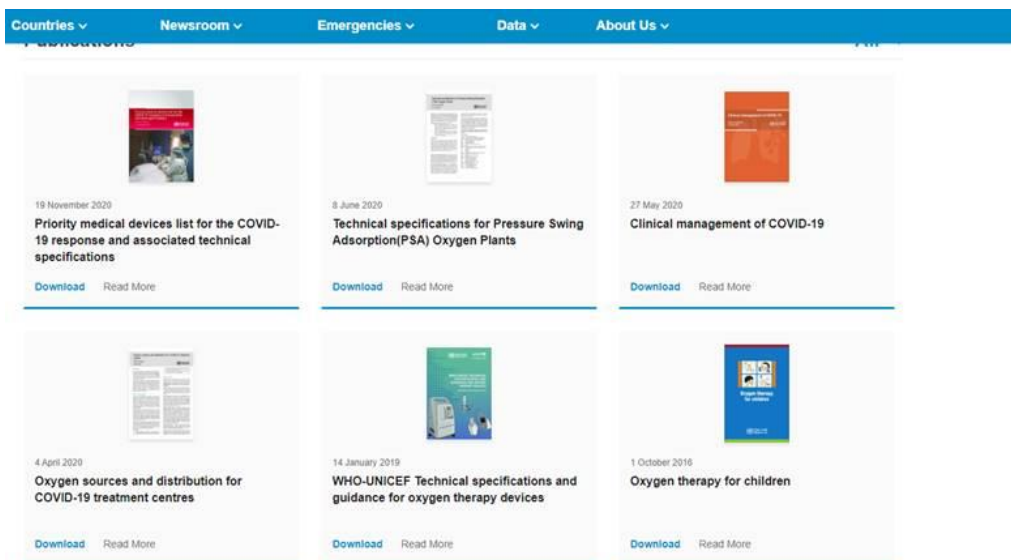
[Welcome! You are invited to join a webinar: Bridging the gap between oxygen needs and technical solutions webinar. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email about joining the webinar.](#)

Bridging the gap between oxygen needs and technical solutions webinar  
who.zoom.us

**Languages:** Presentations will be English with French, Spanish, Russian, Chinese and Arabic live audio translation available.

### Agenda:

- **Biomedical Equipment:**
  - Technical specifications, standards, LMIC considerations.
- The **Oxygen Ecosystem:** sources, distribution, delivery.
- **Holistic Oxygen/Biomedical Equipment assessment and proposal approach:**
  - Phased technical approach to build a proposal
  - Multi-disciplinary engagement: simple decision-making processes
  - Orientation to tools and resources



Oxygen is an [essential medicine](#), indispensable for [COVID-19](#) treatment and is very much in need in all settings!

Oxygen is also essential for [surgery](#), [pneumonia](#), [trauma](#) and any other hypoxia condition in Vulnerable groups like the [elderly](#), [pregnant women](#) and [newborns](#) need oxygen in regular basis.

[More information](#), news and publications...

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April, [the celebration of the one year of the ACT- Accelerator](#) took place and important support [for oxygen](#) and related medical equipment is now taking place in the

Therapeutics Pillar – co-convened by Unitaid and Wellcome:

The Covid-19 Oxygen Emergency Taskforce needs to meet the needs of more than half a million COVID-19 patients in LMICs who need oxygen treatment per day.

[The Global Fund](#) has opened a [COVID-19 Response Mechanism](#) to support countries to procure:

- [Diagnostics](#)
- [Personal Protective Equipment](#)
- [Treatment and Oxygen Equipment](#)
- [Procurement Advice](#)
- [Quality Assurance](#)”

## 2. Essential in vitro diagnostics consultation

We are glad to share with you the new [WHO website for in vitro diagnostics \(IVDs\)](#), has relevant information and news regarding WHO work on essential IVDs:

1. After the launch on 29 of January, you can download the [PDF version of the Report of the third meeting of the WHO Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on In Vitro Diagnostics, 2020, including the Third WHO model list of essential in vitro diagnostics \(EDL\)](#) , which main objective is to present the evidence for the new tests, so that countries can add them in their national in vitro diagnostic lists
2. You can also check the electronic EDL to facilitate the search and listing of the tests. [The beta version of the e-EDL](#)
3. WHO currently has a [public consultation on Technical specifications for SARS-CoV-2 IVDs listed in the third EDL](#), open until 07 May 2021, 12PM CEST, please send comments to [EDLsecretariat@who.int](mailto:EDLsecretariat@who.int)
4. Last but not least, you can [watch the video of the Launch of the EDL 3](#) Access Passcode: fL.SSaC1



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**A diagnosis is the first step to getting effective treatment.**  
Discover the WHO Model List of Essential in vitro diagnostics (EDL) and improve health in your country.  
[Download infographic](#)

**WHO Model List of Essential In Vitro Diagnostics**  
eEDL beta version

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The Importance of diagnostics and the EDL

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**29 January 2021** | News release  
**WHO publishes new Essential Diagnostics List and urges countries to prioritize investments in testing**

**13 November 2019** | News release  
**WHO launches first-ever insulin prequalification programme to expand access to life-saving treatment for**

**9 July 2019** | Departmental news  
**Zika diagnostics added to the WHO Essential Diagnostics List**

**19 April 2019** | Departmental news  
**First in vitro diagnostic prequalified through the alternative performance evaluation mechanism**

3. And we invite you to review the recent [WHO medical devices webpage](#) which is being migrated and updated with new information for your consideration.

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**Accelerating impact of innovations for health**

**The power and potential of medical devices**

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- [Technical Information on Medical Devices](#)
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### Expression of interests calls:

1. [JOINT UNICEF/WHO REOI Innovative Medical PPE Products \(ungm.org\)](http://ungm.org)
2. WHO is looking for biomedical / clinical /hospital/ electrical and mechanical engineers to be consultants in low and middle income countries. Requests: more than 7 years technical expertise in medical equipment, oxygen supply or personal protective equipment. Knowledge on facility assessment, procurement, installation, maintenance. Living in a low or middle income country

Please send CV to : **contact: [medicaldevices@who.int](mailto:medicaldevices@who.int)**