

## WHO Medical Devices May 2021 Newsletter

Dear colleagues,

Hoping you are doing well and please stay 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!

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1. [WHO Research Forum and publications](#)
2. [World health Assembly](#)
3. [Other consultations and webinar](#)

### 1. Research and Development Forum

#### [COVID-19 Global Research & Innovation Forum: Meeting Announcement](#) 13 and 14<sup>th</sup> of May 2021

No registration is required. WHO will provide live webcast of the Global Research and Innovation Forum.

Please note that all meeting participants will be joining this meeting the following links:

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中文 [https://player.4am.ch/who/20210513-14\\_RDF/player.html?lang=zh](https://player.4am.ch/who/20210513-14_RDF/player.html?lang=zh)

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#### Priority medical devices list for the COVID-19 response and associated technical specifications



19 November 2020 | COVID-19: Essential resource planning



#### Overview

This document describes the medical devices required for the clinical management of COVID-19, selected and prioritized according to the latest available evidence and interim guidelines. This includes: oxygen therapy, pulse oximeters, patient monitors, thermometers, infusion and suction pumps, X-ray, ultrasound and CT scanners as well as personal protective equipment. In order to facilitate access to quality assured priority medical devices, the document also includes technical and performance characteristics, related standards, accessories and consumables. It is intended for policy-makers and planning officers in Ministries of Health, procurement and regulatory agencies, intergovernmental and international agencies as well as the medical device industry.

Corrigenda: [Priority medical devices list for the COVID-19 response and associated technical specifications: interim guidance](#), 19 November 2020.

This document is an update to the [List of priority medical devices for COVID-19 case management and Technical specifications for invasive and non-invasive ventilators for COVID-19](#).

This document complements the [Technical specifications of personal protective equipment for COVID-19](#).

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WHO just published this week its latest **Oxygen Tools and Guidelines**, including a recording of the May 4 WHO webinar here:

<https://www.who.int/initiatives/oxygen-access-scale-up>



*The first action we all do, is to breathe.*

WHO HOME CARE BUNDLE: <https://www.who.int/publications/m/item/covid-19-home-care-bundle-for-health-care-workers>

**World Health Organization**

**WHO Mild COVID-19 HOME CARE BUNDLE FOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS\***

**Callout 1:** Instruct patient to stay in isolation, preferably in separate room with adequate ventilation. Ensure good flow of fresh air and open windows where possible. Minimize close contact with others (households and/or visitors). If within 1 m of others, patient should wear a mask, and caregivers should wear PPE.

**Callout 2:** If there is fever, treat with antipyretic, such as paracetamol. There is no need for antibiotics unless bacterial infection is suspected. In areas with other endemic infections (e.g. malaria, TB, dengue), follow routine treatment protocols for fever. Advise patient taking medications for chronic conditions (e.g. diabetes or hypertension) to continue with them.

Please visit [THE NEW PAGE OF MEDICAL DEVICES](#) new contents every week !!!

Our work



Prioritizing medical devices



Strengthening medical imaging



Accelerating impact of innovations for health

The power and potential of medical devices



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Technical information

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## [Seventy-fourth World Health Assembly](#)

The WHA74 will take place virtually from 24 May to 1 June 2021, in light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. You will be able follow proceedings on the webcast below.

**Theme:** Ending this pandemic, preventing the next: building together a healthier, safer and fairer world

### **DATES:**

**24 May – 1 June 2021**

[EB Document Format \(who.int\)](#) provisional agenda

### **3. Other events and consultations:**

1. 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 : [COVID-MED-DEVICES@who.int](mailto:COVID-MED-DEVICES@who.int)

2. “The European Commission is currently holding a month-long online consultation on the [English version of the European Medical Device Nomenclature \(EMDN\)](#). The aim is to collect feedback from users and the wider healthcare community”, by 4 June 2021.

3. May 19-20 Oxygen webinars organized by [IFMBE](#) with participation of WHO speakers and other agencies. Register 19 May [here](#) and 20 May [here](#).

4. [The Global Fund](#) has opened a [COVID-19 Response Mechanism](#) to support countries to procure: [in vitro Diagnostics, Personal Protective Equipment, Treatment and Oxygen Equipment.](#)

5. Medical devices industry , academia, innovators invited to share knowledge, IP or data, [join C-TAP](#).



← COVID-19 technology access pool

**What is C-TAP?**

Take action now

Solidarity Call to Action

Endorsements of the Solidarity Call to Action

#### Commitments to share knowledge, intellectual property and data

The COVID-19 Technology Access Pool (C-TAP) will compile, in one place, pledges of commitment made under the Solidarity Call to Action to voluntarily share COVID-19 health technology related knowledge, intellectual property and data. Shared knowledge, intellectual property and data will leverage our collective efforts to advance science, technology development and broad sharing of the benefits of scientific advancement and its applications based on the right to health. C-TAP works through its implementing partners, the Medicines Patent Pool, Open COVID Pledge, UN Technology Bank-hosted Technology Access Partnership and Unstead to facilitate timely, equitable and affordable access to COVID-19 health technologies. Holders of COVID-19 health technology related knowledge, intellectual

#### Related documents

27 October 2020  
**The Geneva Call: A Joint Appeal for Open Science**

27 October 2020  
**C-TAP: A Concept Paper**