

WHO Medical Devices June 2021 Newsletter

Dear colleagues,

Hoping you are getting vaccinated, doing well and staying safe.

We are 18 months into the Pandemia and still seeing difficult situations in countries where medical devices are not available to cope with the COVID-19 needs, and to the other non-communicable diseases and health conditions in countries, we need solidarity and to continue working together to ensure increase access to them.

WHO June NEWS:

Globally, as of **4:12pm CEST, 25 June 2021**, there have been **179,686,071 confirmed cases** of COVID-19, including **3,899,172 deaths**, reported to WHO.

As of **24 June 2021**, a total of **2,624,733,776 vaccine doses** have been administered.

- [The ACT Accelerator partnership welcomes commitment of 870 million vaccine doses and calls for more investment in all tools to end the pandemic](#)
- [New US\\$50 billion health, trade and finance roadmap to end the pandemic and secure a global recovery](#)
- [At Local Production Forum, WHO and partners highlight key steps to improve access to health technologies](#)
- [Directors General of WHO, WIPO and the WTO agree on intensified cooperation in support of access to medical technologies worldwide to tackle the COVID-19 pandemic](#)

Find below the following information and please disseminate in your networks

1. *[WHO List of Priority medical devices for cardiovascular diseases and diabetes and MeDevIS e-platform](#)*
2. *[Nomenclature of medical devices](#)*
3. *[Medical devices and other technologies for COVID-19.](#)*

1. Launch of the WHO List of Priority medical devices for cardiovascular diseases and diabetes and MeDevIS e-platform.

The image displays two key components of the WHO initiative. On the left is the cover of the 'WHO list of priority medical devices for management of cardiovascular diseases and diabetes', part of the WHO medical device technical series. The cover features a red background with a white circular graphic showing a medical professional performing a procedure. On the right is a diagram titled 'Level of care' illustrating the care continuum. At the top, a horizontal bar shows stages: 'Diagnosis/monitoring', 'Treatment', 'Post surgery/intensive care', and 'End-of-life care'. Below this, a 'Rehabilitation' bar spans across the 'Treatment' and 'Post surgery/intensive care' stages. The main diagram is organized into three levels of care, each with specific interventions:

- TERTIARY CARE:** Includes 'Specialised diagnostics', 'Specialised surgery', and 'Intensive care'. A 'Digital health support interventions' bar is positioned above this level.
- SECONDARY (DP) AND TERTIARY:** Includes 'Clinical laboratory', 'Dental emergency care', 'Hospitalisation', 'General surgery', and 'Non-surgical interventions'. A 'Medical Imaging' bar (Diagnostic and Interventional) is positioned above this level.
- PRIMARY (CL, NCL, AND TERTIARY):** Includes 'Clinical assessment', 'Point of care', 'Rehabilitation', and 'Palliative care'. A 'Pre-hospital emergency care' bar is positioned above this level.

A key at the bottom explains the abbreviations: CL (including cardiovascular, neurological, ophthalmic and neurology), NCL (community level health post), DP (district/general hospital; interventions can also be offered in a first referral outpatient clinic), HC (health centre/outpatient clinic), SH (specialised regional/national hospital), and SC (specialised care outpatient unit).

Below the diagram is the MeDevIS (Medical Devices Information System) interface. It features a search bar with the placeholder text 'Search by name, indication or test purpose'. Underneath, there are filters to 'Browse by' Therapeutic areas (Cancer, Cardiac diseases, stroke and diabetes, COVID-19, Reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health), Clinical areas, Service delivery platform, Type of health product, and Capital, reusable or single use.

When: JUNE 30, 2021 14:00 (Geneva Time)

Topic: WHO Webinar priority medical devices for cardiovascular diseases and diabetes and e-platform MEDEVIS

Register in advance for this Meeting:

<https://who.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMkcO2gpjIvHNHYEBLIIxfax4TgtDac4nFj>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the Meeting.

Please share this invitation to your colleagues.

2. [Seventy-fourth World Health Assembly outcomes](#)

The WHA74 took place virtually from 24 May to 1 June 2021, in light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. You will be able to listen to all the discussions [here](#).

Topic WHA74.7 Standardization of medical device nomenclature discussions took place 29 and 31 of May.

WHO will be conducting information sessions and consultation with various stakeholders as indicated in the timeline of events here below.

More information can be found [here](#)

Discussion on standardization of nomenclature in the WHA74, 29 and 31 May 2021


[Seventy-fourth World Health Assembly \(who.int\)](#)



Requests by Member States	WHO response 31 of May
<p>Interventions by 21 Member States.</p> <p>Importance of nomenclature, coding and classification of medical device to support regulation, procurement, assessment</p> <p>Should be transparent, harmonized and evidence based, open systems to be accessible for all</p> <p>Requested WHO not to create a new nomenclature to avoid duplications</p> <p>Concerns of EMDN not harmonized with GMDN</p> <p>Request to: Map EMDN to GMDN to minimize impact,</p> <p>Costing study, Consultations with IMDRF, and industry.</p>	<p>Set of countries advocate for proprietary system (GMDN)</p> <p>Set of countries advocate for open existing systems (ie. EMDN)</p> <p>WHO confirms will not create a new nomenclature.</p> <p>Information and consultation sessions in 2021 to report to Executive Board February 2022.</p> <p>WHO requires support by Member States to find agreements of nomenclature systems to map, have a transparent system to assign codes, and make information openly available, with no IP restrictions.</p>

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Timeline of events



Date	Activity	Expected outcome
18 TO 25 th March	IMDRF MSB (MSB): Presentation of their Management Committee in coordination, per their request	The WHO to provide an update on the outcome of the WHO Board meeting, the EU to provide an update on their development of their EMDN, and a similar discussion to the IMDRF MSB on nomenclature and harmonization
12 April	Information Session to MS	Present the updated analysis and listen to MS requests and proposals for harmonization.
29 April	Meeting with IFMBE	Listen to clinical and biomedical engineers use of nomenclature and proposals
18 May	Meeting with NGOs in official relations with WHO	Share the information and listen to NGOs.
May-June	WHA74 and EB149	
24 June	IMDRF teleconference	Briefing of WHA and next steps
July, TBC	WHO HQ, regional advisors	Status, plan and their input
July, TBC	UN agencies	Nomenclature and tech specs
July, TBC	Nomenclature agencies	Willingness to map, one to one, WHO and agency
August, TBC	Medical devices industry	GMTA, DITTA,
August, TBC	Biomedical and Clinical engineers	Use of nomenclature in health care facilities
August, TBC	Regional regulators networks	Nomenclature uses and challenges
7 September, (date TBC)	Member States information session	Report on the consultation sessions with various stakeholders
Mid September	IMDRF meeting	Briefing and next steps
October	Consultation and report for EB150	Discussion of the report
1 February 2022	EB150.	Presentation to the Executive Board

<https://www.who.int/news/health-topics/and-policy/standardization-of-medical-technology-medical-device-nomenclature>

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To support this work, WHO is looking for a full time consultant:

Reference: MHP/MDD/Nomenclature medical devices/202106

Title: Individual Consultancy to support WHO medical devices team on the Standardization of medical devices nomenclature in response to EB148/13 and WHA74/7

Closing date and time for the expression of interest: 5/07/2021 9:00 CET (Geneva time)

Description: The purpose of the assignment is to provide technical support towards WHO's activities on consultations for medical devices nomenclature, specifically actions requested by Member States in the World Health Assembly session 74, towards the report to the 150 Executive Board in February 2022 including supporting the implementation of consultations for the report.

Requisites: More than 7 years of expertise on medical devices, especially on nomenclature, coding, classifications of medical devices, regulations or health technology management (procurement, inventories, CMMS) or health technology assessment and UDI. Biomedical/Clinical engineer or related disciplines. Postgraduate degree. Excellent writing skills in English, analysis, planning, team work.

Duration: 4 months, full time.

Interested candidate please send your CV with expression of interest with subject: MHP/MDD/Nomenclature medical devices/202106. The Review of proposals and selection process initiates 5th of July.

Email address medicaldevices@who.int

3. Medical technologies for COVID-19:

3.1. *Oxygen, Oxygen continues to be the medicine most needed for COVID-19 and for other diseases and conditions, work by ACTA and many other organizations is ongoing.*

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

<https://stopppneumonia.org/latest/covid-19/> (from Every breath counts);

3.2 WHO, UNICEF and other partners are working to support the repair of PSA plants, and increase availability of oxygen at country level

<https://www.who.int/teams/health-product-and-policy-standards/assistive-and-medical-technology/medical-devices>

3.3 [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.](#)

3.4 Medical devices industry, academia, innovators are invited to share knowledge, IP or data, [join C-TAP](#): The technology access pool, to increase access of technologies globally.

3.5 The Clinical management course is now live on

OpenWHO: <https://openwho.org/courses/clinical-management-COVID-19-mild-mod-severe>

More information: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>