Lao People’s Democratic Republic

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<th>Life expectancy at birth (years)</th>
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<th>GNI per capita (US$)</th>
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**Country indicators**

**National policy on health technology**
Health technology (medical device) national policy: Yes, and it is part of the National Health Program/Plan or Policy
Web site: —
Language(s): Lao and English
MOH responsible for health technology policy implementation: Medical Products Supply Center

**Regulatory agency**
Authority responsible for implementing and enforcing regulations in your country: Yes
Name of principal institution: Food and Drug Department
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**National health technology assessment unit**
Unit/department: —
Web site: —
Contact: —
Email: —

**National health technology management units**
National health technology unit(s): Yes

**Development of technical specifications for procurement process:**
Unit/department: Medical Product Supply Center
Web site: —
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**Other:** Planning of medical equipment allocation
Unit/department: Health Care Department
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**Other:** Planning of medical equipment allocation/Application/user training
Unit/department: Medical Product Supply Center
Web site: —
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**Medical device nomenclature system**
Official nomenclature system for medical devices: Yes  **Type:** Based on UMDNS (Universal Medical Device Nomenclature System)  **Use:** Not specified
Nomenclature system name: —  Web site: —

**Medical device incorporation**

**Procurement**
Policy or guideline: Yes
Web site: —
National level procurement: Yes
Web site: —

**Donations**
Policy or guideline: Yes
Web site: —

**Technical specifications**
Technical specifications to support procurement or donations: No
Web site: —

Medical device incorporation comments:
The procurement at national level are only for sophisticated equipment and high value.
Inventory and maintenance
Type of inventories available: National inventory for medical equipment
Comments: the inventories are ongoing in the whole country
Medical equipment management unit: Yes
Management software: Yes
Software and comments: PLAMAHS

Lists of medical devices
LISTS OF APPROVED MEDICAL DEVICES FOR PUBLIC PROCUREMENT OR REIMBURSEMENT:
Lists available: No
Unit: —
Web site: —

NATIONAL LISTS OF MEDICAL DEVICES FOR DIFFERENT TYPES OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES OR SPECIFIC PROCEDURES: Lists available: For different healthcare facilities
Web site - facilities: —
Web site - procedures: —

NATIONAL LIST FOR DISEASES AND SITUATIONS:
Lists available: No list available
Web site: —

Healthcare facility

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Medical equipment

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* Density per 1,000,000 females aged from 50-69 old.

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