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Country indicators

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<th>Population (000s)</th>
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<td>Internet users (%)</td>
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<td>Life expectancy at birth (years)</td>
<td>70</td>
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<td>Per capita total health expenditure (PPP Int $)</td>
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<td>World Bank income group</td>
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<td>GNI per capita (US$)</td>
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National policy on health technology
Health technology (medical device) national policy: Yes, but is not part of the National Health Program
Web site: —
Language(s): English
MOH responsible for health technology policy implementation: Health, Policy, Research and Planning Unit and the Project Management Unit

Regulatory agency
Authority responsible for implementing and enforcing regulations in your country: Yes
Name of principal institution: Chemistry Food and Drug Division
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National health technology assessment unit
Unit/department: —
Web site: —
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National health technology management units
National health technology unit(s): Yes

Development of technical specifications for procurement process:
Unit/department: Project Management Unit
Web site: —
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Other: Planning of medical equipment allocation/development of technical specifications/application/user training
Unit/department: Biomedical Department, North Central Regional Health Authority
Web site: —
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Other: Planning of medical equipment allocation/development of technical specifications/maintenance/application/user training
Unit/department: Biomedical Dept, North West Regional Health Authority
Web site: —
Contact: Sydney Wellington
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Medical device nomenclature system
Official nomenclature system for medical devices: Yes
Type: Nationally developed
Use: For procurement
Nomenclature system name: TMA Systems Maintenance Management Software (the nomenclature of medical devices are generally developed by the respective Regional Health Authorities for procurement purposes)
Web site: —

Medical device incorporation

Procurement
Policy or guideline: Yes
Web site: —
National level procurement: No
Web site: —

Donations
Policy or guideline: Yes
Web site: —

Technical specifications
Technical specifications to support procurement or donations: Yes
Web site: —

Medical device incorporation comments:
There are guidelines based on RHAs internal policies and procedures on the procurement process and in particular the need for development of specifications. The MoH is presently moving towards standardising policies and procedures for all technical areas which would include the procurement of medical devices. Technical specifications are developed as part of all equipment procurement for public open tender. In general there are recommended technical specifications used by each RHA for
**Inventory and maintenance**

Type of inventories available: National inventory only for high cost technologies for Diagnostic Imaging

Comments: Inventories of other medical devices exist at each respective RHA

Medical equipment management unit: Yes

Management software: Yes

Software and comments: TMA systems

**Lists of medical devices**

**Lists of approved medical devices for public procurement or reimbursement:**

Lists available: Yes

Unit: MoH

Web site: —

**National lists of medical devices for different types of healthcare facilities or specific procedures:**

Lists available: For different healthcare facilities and specific procedures

Web site - facilities: —

Web site - procedures: —

**National list for diseases and situations:**

Lists available: One or more

Web site: —

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| **Medical equipment**        | Public sector         | Private sector            | Total    | Density per 1,000,000 population  |
| Magnetic Resonance Imaging   | 4                     | n/a                       | 4        | 2.983                             |
| Computerized Tomography Scanner | 4                 | n/a                       | 4        | 2.983                             |
| Positron Emission Tomography Scanner | 0             | n/a                       | 0        | 0.000                             |
| Nuclear medicine             | 3                     | n/a                       | 3        | 2.237                             |
| Mammograph*                  | 5                     | n/a                       | 5        | 35.217                            |
| Linear accelerator           | 0                     | 2                         | 2        | 1.491                             |
| Telecobalt unit (Cobalt-60)  | 2                     | 0                         | 2        | 1.491                             |
| Radiotherapy                 | 2                     | 2                         | 4        | 2.983                             |

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

**Additional information and comments:**

It is noted that a number of medical devices systems exist at the respective RHA level. The MoH is currently working towards standardising these and in particular with respect to the procurement guidelines for medical devices.

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* UNPD as of 1 July 2012 (2013 update)

α WHO 2012 data

β WB 2014 classification

γ WB 2013 data (2014 update)

δ WHO 2012 data

ε WB 2013 (2014 update)

n/a not applicable

λ The full text can be found at www.who.int/medical_devices/countries/full_text.xls