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WHO current work

Systematic way to measure intended and unintended consequences of the use of health technology (medicines, medical devices, clinical interventions).

Social, Economical, Clinical effectiveness, Cost effectiveness, Ethical
WHO Headquarters, Will make recommendations on best practices for supply, reimbursement and pricing policies for health technologies, enhance global observatories with databases and analysis of data on access to health technologies with financial hardship, on barriers to access....

Will develop technical guidelines, formularies, treatment guidelines and protocols, provide a platform for sharing best practices, for the evidence based selection and rational use of essential health technologies and support the development of capacity for health technology assessment.
Collaborating organizations

Organizations with MoU

- Euroscan
- Health Technology Assessment International
- International Network of Agencies for Health Technology Assessment International
Unit within the Ministry at national level that technically manages medical devices through HTA

- 125 member states have units within the Ministry who technically manages medical devices (73% or 171 respondent countries).
- 96 countries (56%) have specifically at least one HTA unit.
- 70% to 77% of the low to upper middle income groups have at least one HTA unit.

Bar chart showing the distribution of HTA units across different income levels:

- Low income: 8 units (44%)
- Lower middle income: 9 units (45%)
- Upper middle income: 8 units (40%)
- High income: 21 units (27%)

Pie charts showing the distribution of Management and HTA units:

- Management Unit: 125 counts (73%)
- Do not have one: 46 counts (27%)
- At least one unit: 56 counts (44%)

- HTA Unit: 125 counts (73%)
- No unit: 44 counts (44%)
- At least one unit: 56 counts (56%)

N=171
Existence of unit within the MoH at federal/national level that technically manages medical devices specifically through Health Technology Assessment

Existence of unit within the MoH that technically manages MD through HTA
- Yes
- No
- Data not available
- Not applicable

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