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International Medical
Device Regulators Forum

PAHO Update

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Regional Working Group on Medical Device Regulation

24 countries are currently members

Argentina	Belize	Bolivia	Brazil	Canada
Chile	Colombia	Costa Rica	Cuba	Dominican Republic
Ecuador	El Salvador	Guatemala	Guyana	Honduras
Jamaica	Mexico	Nicaragua	Panama	Paraguay
Peru	Trinidad & Tobago	Uruguay	Venezuela	





Activities of the Regional Working Group

- ❖ Annual Face to Face Meetings
 - ▶ Open Session with stakeholders
- ❖ Virtual Meetings

Regional Meetings

- ▶ Regional Meetings in conjunction with the IMDRF Meetings
- ▶ Participation in the Working Groups
- ▶ Mirror Working Groups
- ▶ Translation of technical documents

Training

- ▶ Annual virtual courses in collaboration with CECMED and INVIMA
- ▶ Face to face workshops on defined priority topics

Collaboration with IMDRF

Technical Groups

- ▶ Reuse and reprocessing of Medical Devices
- ▶ National Implant Registry

- ▶ Development of Basic Indicators
- ▶ Advanced Indicators draft
- ▶ Participation in the Global Benchmarking Tool + Medical Devices

Medical Device Indicators

Community of Practices

- ▶ Regulation of Medical Devices
- ▶ REDMA Program



Collaboration with IMDRF

PARTICIPATION IN THE FOLLOWING IMDRF WORKING GROUPS

Medical Device Clinical Evaluation

- ANMAT

Personalized Medical Devices

- ANMAT

Good Regulatory Review Practices

- INVIMA

Principles of IVD Medical Devices Classification

- ANMAT
- CECMED
- MoH Uruguay

**On August 24, 2021, ANMAT (Argentina) became an OFFICIAL
OBSERVER of the IMDRF**



Collaboration with IMDRF

TRANSLATIONS



Six documents translated into Spanish



Collaboration with IMDRF

TRANSLATIONS

The following documents are currently being translated into Spanish:

1. Principles of In Vitro Diagnostic (IVD) Medical Devices Classification
2. Requirements for Regulatory Authority Recognition of Conformity Assessment Bodies Conducting Medical Device Regulatory Reviews
3. Personalized Medical Devices - Regulatory Pathways
4. Clinical Investigation
5. Clinical Evaluation
6. Tools for Assessing the Usability of Registries in Support of Regulatory Decision-Making
7. Common Data Elements for Medical Device Identification
8. Software as a Medical Device (SaMD): Key Definitions



Program on exchange of reports on adverse events of Medical Devices - REDMA Program

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Associate Members

BOL | ECU | HND | NIC | PRY | ELS | URY | PAN | DOR |
VEN

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Full Members

ARG | BRA | COL | CUB | CHL |
MEX

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Reports

20 Confidential
13 Non-confidential



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<i>NRA</i>	<i>Medical Device</i>	<i>Confidentiality</i>
COFEPRIS	Breast implant	Yes
	Breast implant	Yes
INVIMA	Mechanical ventilator	Yes
	Mechanical ventilator	No
CECMED	Non-sterile hydrophilic white gauze	Yes
	Plastic Tracheostomy Cannula (PVC)	Yes

- 71% of the total reports are confidential
- Health institutions reported 67% of the events while the manufacturers reported 33%
- Reported equipment risk-based classification: 50% Moderate-High; 33% High; and 17% Low
- Most represented medical specialties: General medicine and plastic surgery with 33% respectively; anesthesia and general hospital 17%
- China was the manufacturing country with the highest percentage of reports 33%

REDMA Program



Capacity building activities

Virtual course on **Regulation of Medical Devices**

- ▶ Spanish version was fully translated into English
- ▶ In collaboration with CECMED, PAHO/WHO Collaborating Centre for the *Regulation of Health Technologies*
- ▶ Hosted on CECMED's Virtual Classroom platform
- ▶ English versión of the course will be offered to the Caribbean countries in 2022



Meeting of the Regional Working Group on Medical Devices Regulation

- Held on 27 May 2021
- 41 participants from 16 countries

TOPICS

- **Global Benchmarking Tool + Medical Devices**
- **Medical Devices Nomenclature**
- **Collaboration with IMDRF**
- **Collaboration opportunities**
- **Next steps of the Regional Working Group**
- **Regulation of Assistive Products**



NEW PROJECT on Regulation of assistive products in the Americas

1

Assessment of the regulatory situation of APs in the Region

2

Development of a guidance tool on AP regulation

Main components

3

Development of a virtual course hosted at PAHO's Virtual Campus for Public Health

Assistive technology (AT)
Is the application of organized knowledge and skills related to assistive products, including systems and services. AT is a subset of health technology.

Assistive products (AP)
Any external product that maintain or improve an individual's functioning and independence, and thereby promote their well-being. APs are also used to prevent impairments and secondary health conditions.



Quality assurance of Medical Devices in response to the COVID-19

REQUIREMENTS

Eligibility criteria

- Product included in the *List of Priority Medical Devices in the context of the COVID-19 (LPMD)*
- Regulatory compliance (**IMDRF Members**, WHO SRAs for IVDs, manufacturing country)
- Documentation to demonstrate compliance with standards (as specified in the LPMD)

For the manufacturer

- Manufacturing license issued in the country of origin
- Certified Quality Management System. (e.g. ISO 13485, ISO 9001 or equivalent)
- Application of risk management to medical devices, if applicable (e.g. ISO 14971)

For the product safety and performance

- Quality Assurance process based on technical requirements and applicable standards, (according to the Medical Device)
- Evidence to demonstrate compliance with the applicable standards (e.g. *official test reports*)

For the labelling

- Instructions for use, service manual, user manual, technical specifications.
- Label contains essential requirements (e.g. storage and distribution conditions)
- Compliance with the principles of the document **IMDRF/GRRP WG/N52 FINAL:2019**



Quality assurance of Medical Devices in response to the COVID-19

**Biomedical
Equipment**

140

evaluations

Examples: ICU ventilator,
transport ventilator, portable
ultrasound, defibrillator, pulse
oximeter, BiPAP, patient monitor

**In Vitro
Diagnostics**

15

evaluations

Examples: diagnostic kits,
analyzers

**Personal Protective
Equipment**

209

evaluations

Examples: particulate
respirator, surgical masks, sterile
surgical gloves, examination
gloves, gowns



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Thank you!