

Consensus meeting for Priority Assistive Products List

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Agreed List of WHO Priority Assistive Products (APL)

Today only 1 in 10 people have access to assistive technology, due to a lack of financing, availability, awareness, trained personnel, and high costs. There are already large underserved populations for basic assistive products, even in high-income countries. This represents a wider system failure and lack of appropriate policy, products and services across the world.

To change the prevailing scenario, WHO has organized a consensus meeting to identify the top 50 products, which needs to be included in the WHO's Priority Assistive Products List (APL). Over 70 participants attended the meeting with representation from every WHO region. Participants at the consultation based their decisions on the results of a three rounds of a Delphi Survey and the Global Survey. It is to be noted that over 10 000 people from 161 countries completed the global survey.

WHO Priority Assistive Products List (APL), much like its precursor Essential Medicines List, will be a critical tool to make these products accessible to increasingly older populations and to people with disabilities everywhere. The proposed list is not a restrictive list but aims to provide Member States with a model from which to develop national priority assistive products list; according to national need and available resources. Like the WHO Model List of Essential Medicines (EML), the Priority Assistive Products List (APL) will also provide guidance for procurement and reimbursement policies, including insurance coverage.

APL will be launched on 24 May 2016 during the World Health Assembly side event, "Assistive Technology for all" After a series of several rounds of discussion, a consensus list has emerged and the agreed products in alphabetical order are as follows:



S.N.	Recommended Priority Assistive Products	Details of the Priority Assistive Products (branches)
1	Alarms	Alarm signallers with light/sound/vibration Personal emergency alarm systems
2	Audioplayers with DAISY capability	
3	Braille displays (note takers)	Braille displays (note takers)
4	Braille writing equipment	Braille Slates and Styluses
5	Canes/sticks	Walking canes/sticks Tripod/Quadripod sticks
6	Captioning TV	
7	Chair for shower/bath/toileting	Shower chairs Commode chairs
8	Club foot braces	
9	Communication equipment	Communication boards Communication books Communication cards Communication accessories
10	Communication software	Communication software , Face-to-face Symbols generating software Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) application for SMART phones/tablets/devices
11	Crutches	Elbow crutches Axillary crutches
12	Deafblind communicators	
13	Direct auditory input systems	Audio Induction/hearing loops Frequency Modulation (FM) systems
14	Fall detectors	
15	Gesture to voice technology	
16	GPS locators	
17	Hand rails/grab bars	Handrails and support rails Grab bars and handgrips
18	Hearing Aids and accessories	Behind the ear digital hearing aids Hearing aid accessories including ear moulds and batteries
19	Incontinence products, absorbent	
20	Keyboard and mouse emulation software and accessories	Keyboard and mouse emulation software Head mouse
21	Magnifiers, digital hand held	Hand-held digital magnifiers
22	Magnifiers, optical	Magnifying glasses/readers telescope
23	Orthoses lower limbs	Foot Orthoses (FO) Below-knee or Ankle Foot Orthoses (AFO) Above-knee or Knee Ankle Foot Orthoses (KAFO)
24	Orthoses spinal	Cervical orthoses Thoraco-lumbo-sacral orthoses/brace



25	Orthoses upper limbs	Static wrist-hand orthoses (WHO) / Hand splints
26	Personal Digital Assistant (PDA)	
27	Pill organizers	
28	Pressure relief cushions	
29	Pressure relief mattresses	
30	Prostheses, lower limbs (artificial legs)	Below-knee or trans-tibial prostheses (artificial legs) Above-knee or trans-femoral prostheses (artificial legs)
31	Ramps, portable	
32	Recorders (Dictaphone)	
33	Rollators	
34	Screen readers	
35	Simplified mobile phones	
36	Spectacles	Spectacles for low vision Spectacles for short distance Spectacles for long distance Filters and protectors
37	Standing frames	Adjustable standing frames/standers
38	Therapeutic footwear	Shoes or footwear for Musculo-skeletal conditions Shoes or footwear for Neuropathic conditions
39	Time management products	
40	Travel aids, portable	
41	Tricycles	
42	Video communication devices	
43	Walkers	Adjustable walkers
44	Walking frames	Walking frames with either four tips (ferrules) or two tips and two castors
45	Watches, talking/touching	
46	Wheelchairs, manual basic type for active users	
47	Wheelchairs, manual intermediate type	
48	Wheelchairs, manual push type	
49	Wheelchairs, powered/electrical	
50	White canes	Folding type Non-folding type