Examples of Medical Devices

The following list - produced by the MHRA - is not exhaustive, since technology is constantly developing, but gives a sense of the wide range of products covered by the medical devices & equipment policy & procedure.

Equipment used in the diagnosis or treatment of disease, or monitoring of patients, such as:

- Blood flow detectors
- Cardiac monitors
- Chiropody and podiatry equipment
- Dental instruments, equipment and appliances.
- Dressings/wound management products
- Endoscopes
- Enteral administration sets and pumps
- Examination gloves
- Gastrostomy tubes
- Humidifiers
- Intravenous (IV) administration sets and pumps
- Nebulisers
- Ophthalmic equipment
- Peak flow meters
- Sphygmomanometers/blood pressure monitors
- Suction equipment
- Surgical instruments
- Syringes and needles
- TENS Machines
- Thermometers
- Urinary catheters
- X-ray equipment

Equipment used in life support, such as:

- Defibrillators
- Domiciliary oxygen therapy systems
- Insulin injectors
- Pulse oximeters
- Resuscitation equipment
- Syringe drivers
- Ventilators used in the home

In vitro diagnostic medical devices and their accessories, such as:

- Blood glucose measuring devices
- Cholesterol test kits
- Pregnancy test kits
- Specimen collection tubes
- Urine test strips
Equipment used in care, such as:
- Beds
- Chairs (reclining/medical)
- Lifting poles
- Patient hoists and slings/manual handling and patient transfer devices
- Pressures relieving / distribution equipment
- Stoma care equipment
- Therapy equipment

Equipment used by people with disabilities, such as:
- Artificial limbs
- Bathing equipment
- Commodes/bed pans
- Continence products
- External prostheses and orthoses
- Hearing aids
- Prescribable footwear
- Standing frames
- Urine drainage systems
- Walking aids
- Wheelchairs and special support seating (see specific requirements in Clinical Guidelines)

Other examples include:
- Blood storage systems
- Condoms
- Contact lenses and care products
- Drug fridges
- Examination lamps
- Intra-uterine devices (IUDs)
- Mortuary fridge and handling equipment
- Oxygen cylinder trolley
- Sharps/instrument boxes
- Specula

In addition to the MHRA definition, the following equipment is also covered by this clinical guideline:
- Bladder scanners
- Blood gas machines
- Decontamination equipment, including sterilisers
- Electrical lasers
- Electrocardiographs
- Electromyography
- Environmental control systems
- Feeding pumps
- Radiology equipment
- Urine-testing machines