



# Factsheet: Medical Device Procurement

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## Description

The Government has clarified responsibilities for the procurement of medical devices to create efficiencies and avoid duplication.

In future, Health NZ and Pharmac will each take responsibility for the procurement of medical devices that are most focused on their particular capabilities and expertise.

The agencies worked together to identify which of the 55 categories of medical devices they should each be responsible for.

Pharmac will lead procurement for 27 categories, while Health NZ will lead 28.

Pharmac will generally be the lead agency for devices that have a direct therapeutic impact on patients and that need a high level of clinical input. For instance, this includes items such as surgical implants and mesh.

Health NZ will generally be the lead agency for high-volume devices that can be standardised across hospitals. This includes things such as Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and continence products.

Health NZ will also be responsible for procuring devices that need to be integrated into hospital infrastructure, such as MRIs and CT scanners.

Pharmac will also focus on delivering high-quality, independent Health Technology Assessments to support access to new and innovative devices.

## Expected benefits

- Each year, Health NZ spends nearly \$1.5b on medical devices.
- This move will ensure the procurement around medical devices delivers real value for New Zealanders.
- It will also create efficiencies, avoid duplication and confusion, and make procurement processes easier for suppliers.
- The short-term benefits are expected to compound over time as the agencies develop capability and focus on areas where they add the most value.
- Pharmac will provide high-quality, independent Health Technology Assessments to drive innovation and support greater access to new medical devices.