WHO guidance on devices for medical male circumcision for HIV prevention

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Many devices marketed for adolescent and adult male circumcision

1a. Collar Clamp
   - ShangRing

1b. Vice Clamp
   - Alis Klamp
   - Tara Klamp
   - Ismail Clamp
   - Smart Clamp

2. Elastic collar compression
   - PrePex

3. Ligature
   - Zhenxi Ring

WHO guidance on device use as a method for male circumcision:
- Prequalification programme information
- Guideline on use of devices
WHO Prequalification of Male Circumcision Devices Programme, established 2011

Objective:

• Facilitate access to safe, appropriate, good quality male circumcision devices

Assessed according to international standards:

• Technical characteristics of device and its performance
• Manufacturer's quality management system
• Evidence on clinical efficacy and safety
Key information when a device is 'prequalified'

Information:

- List of 'prequalified' devices for male circumcision for HIV prevention
- 'Public Report' with technical information on each prequalified device

Used for procurement decisions by:

- Member States, UN, and other purchasers including Global Fund, PEPFAR

Not WHO 'approval' as approval is the sole prerogative of each national government
## Status of devices in WHO Prequalification Programme

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WHO guideline on use of devices

Purpose:

to provide **recommendations** and **considerations** on introduction and use of devices as a method for adolescent and adult male circumcision in HIV prevention programmes

Process for development

– obtain inputs from diverse individuals
– review of clinical evidence and literature
– consider balance of benefits and harms, acceptability, resource use
– consider implications for programmes and services
Guideline (1): DRAFT key points

- prequalified devices: efficacious and safe method of MC
- among healthy males 18 years and older
- WHEN
  - used by health care providers who are adequately trained and competent with use of the specific device
  - in settings where urgent or immediate surgical back-up facilities and skills, appropriate to the specific device, are available
Guideline (2): DRAFT programmatic considerations

- Phased approach to introduction
  - with broad stakeholder engagement
  - pilot projects in routine settings

- Policies & regulations:
  - pre-market approvals in country
  - health care providers authorized to use device

- Monitoring, evaluation and reporting
  - safety monitoring
    - active follow up of the first 1000 clients in routine settings with ongoing monitoring after safety demonstrated
  - uptake and rates of return at removal visit
Guideline (3): DRAFT considerations

• Service delivery: many considerations
  • uniqueness of settings and each device
  • training includes observation to assess competence
  • 2 visits required - placement and removal

• Communications
  – accurate client and partner information; informed providers

• Procurement, supply management
  • good forecasting for a sufficient stock of full range of device sizes and appropriate accessories for placement and removal

Continue to offer minimum package of HIV prevention services and assure service quality
WHO

– *Framework for clinical evaluation of male circumcision devices*
  http://www.who.int/hiv/topics/malecircumcision/en/

– *Technical Advisory Group Report on evaluation of two devices*

– *Beginning with the end in mind*
  www.who.int/reproductive_health/publications

– Prequalification: list of products and public reports
  http://www.who.int/diagnostics_laboratory/evaluations/prequalification_male_circumcision_devices

Clearinghouse on Male Circumcision

http://www.malecircumcision.org