

MTal supports CDSCO proposal on surgical gowns & drapes

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New Delhi: Medical Technology Association of India has welcomed the Central Drug Standards Control Organization (CDSCO) proposal for inclusion of surgical gowns and drapes as medical devices and said it will ensure uniformity of quality in these product categories.

The CDSCO last week proposed to include surgical gowns and drapes under Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 which will bring these products under the regulatory framework of the government. At present, 23 medical devices such as cardiac stents, orthopedic implants, intra-ocular lenses etc. are regulated under the said Act. CDSCO has sought stakeholders' views on the proposal by 15th January.

“The inclusion of surgical gowns and drapes would ensure uniformity in the quality of products available in the market. Gowns and drapes come into direct contact of patients as well as healthcare professionals during the entire healthcare cycle, from diagnostic procedures to post operative care. Hence, it is extremely important to ensure that only products of the highest quality are used,” MTal Chairman & Director General Mr Pavan

MTal further said that the Association will work with its member companies to ensure compliance of the regulations. “MTal and its member companies look forward to work with CDSCO to streamline the transition to the new requirements as and when the proposal is implemented,” Mr Choudary added.