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Importance of the regulation of automatic blood pressure monitors and examples of good practices

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#4 Best seller on Amazon Canada



\$44.99 CDN = \$34.03 USD

Non validated BP devices can gain entry to the market with (legal) or without (illegal) regulatory clearance

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XXX

NOT VALIDATED

XXX

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With regulatory clearance (can be sold but probably shouldn't be)

Listed on a public registry by the regulatory authority

ARTG ID XXXXXXXX

Product name	XXXXXXXX
Active ingredients	
Sponsor name	XXXXXXXX
ARTG entry for	XXXXXXXX
Public ARTG summary	ARTG ID 206364 - public ARTG summary (pdf)

Not listed as being independently tested for accuracy

 **STRIDE BP**



No Record

xxx

xxx

Recommended by
Recommandé par
Hypertension Canada
Gold | Or

Joytech DBP-1358 Sold by K-Mart Australia

Example

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ARTG ID 322761

Product name	Automatic-inflation electronic sphygmomanometer, portable, arm/wrist
Active ingredients	
Sponsor name	3P Pty Ltd
ARTG entry for	Medical Device Included Class IIa
Public ARTG summary	ARTG ID 322761 - public ARTG summary (pdf)

No mention of model or make

Not listed as being independently tested for accuracy



Medaval™

Not recommended

Without regulatory clearance (shouldn't be sold but can, online)

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Sponsor	
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ESH European Society of Hypertension

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Example

972 BP Devices Available for Online Purchase



278

Upper Arm Cuff
Devices

51

(18.3%)

162

Wrist Cuff
Devices

13

(8.0%)



532

Wristband Wearable
Devices

0

(0%)



**Australian study of BP
devices 'online'**

Proven Accurate According to International Validation Standards n (%)

This is what we should be striving
for.....

With regulatory and independent clearance (should be sold, but currently rare; <15%)

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Ideal situation: with independent validation testing (using an accepted standard protocol) undertaken as part of the regulatory requirements.....

Key regulatory problem is that it is not mandatory for manufacturers to use a specific standard to assess BP device accuracy

Nor are the results of validation testing required to be made publicly available

Not mandatory for manufacturers to use a specific standard to assess BP device accuracy

Validation studies deviate from established protocols

Consumer organisations do not give due attention to BP device accuracy

Regulatory requirements focus on safety rather than accuracy

Exact BP device used in the validation study is unclear

BP devices may fail to produce accurate readings in people with large or small arms but still used

poor process

bias

confusion

ignorance

misinformation

fraudulence

uncertainty

ambiguity



BP devices may pass regulatory requirements for sale but fail independent validation of accuracy

Not mandatory for validation testing to be performed by independent parties

Assumed that a BP device 'cleared' by regulatory authorities is accurate

Online sale of BP devices may circumvent regulatory processes

Results of BP devices that fail validation studies may not be published

Unethical companies selling cheap BP devices online with false validation credentials

If this regulatory problem could be addressed, it would also solve these other problems.....(now in green)

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That's why we made this recommendation.....

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En conjunto, estos aspectos contribuyen a la disponibilidad generalizada de tensiómetros de consultorio o domiciliarios que ofrecen una exactitud limitada o incierta, que llevan a diagnósticos, manejo y farmacoterapia inapropiados de la hipertensión a escala mundial. Los problemas más importantes relacionados con la exactitud de los dispositivos de medición de la presión arterial se pueden resolver mediante el requisito regulatorio de una validación independiente obligatoria de los dispositivos, en consonancia con la norma ISO universalmente aceptada. Esta es una recomendación básica y constituye una necesidad internacional acuciante. Otras recomendaciones clave son la elaboración de normas de validación específicas para las

Consensus Document

A Universal Standard for the Validation of Blood Pressure Measuring Devices

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Standard of the AAMI, ESH, ISO committees

ISO 81060-2;2018

Currently not enforced anywhere,
however.....

New European Union Medical Device Regulations (EU MDR)

Comes into force on
26/5/2020 (regulation
2017/745)



Increases safety &
quality standards for
devices in the EU

Increases amount of data required to put a product on the market
Many existing devices will need re-certification (500,000+)

New EU MDR was brought about from...

Several high-profile medical device scandals

- Lung sealant that leaked
- Robotic surgery that caused tissue damage
- Cardiac pacemaker with battery problems
- Breast implant filled with rancid oil.....etc.....

Increasing public concern to strengthen the existing regulatory system – not just ‘high risk’ devices

New EU MDR Requires:

Use of a harmonised standard protocol
Currently EN 1060-4:2004 for BP devices

A report from an independent clinical
investigation

Submission of relevant published information
(including validations if available/not mandatory)

Information in EU languages (incl Spanish)

This is not perfect, but a strong move in the right direction and should be best practice

EU MDR Timeline



EUDAMED – a database for all medical devices sold to European markets

Aims to enable fast, transparent identification
and tracking of every device

Tracking via registration of unique device
identifiers (UDIs)

Made available in all European languages

EUDAMED could be an important resource towards the goal of having a single universally accepted accredited list of BP devices

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Most of the problems relating to BP device accuracy could be addressed by the regulatory requirement for independent validation testing using an accepted standard protocol

Preferably with publication in a peer-reviewed journal

The recommended standard is the ISO 81060-2:2018

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