IDA Foundation

IDA Foundation is the world’s leading not-for-profit supplier of essential, quality-assured medicines and medical supplies to low- and medium-income countries. Founded in 1972, our purpose is to make quality healthcare accessible and affordable for those who are most in need of medicines and medical supplies.

We distribute over 3000 different medicines and medical supplies to over 100 countries. We serve governmental, non-governmental and private organisations, and our customers include Medicines Sans Frontières (MSF), the Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI), and the Global Drug Facility (GDF). Quality is central to everything we do, and we continually strive to improve our services, negotiate lower prices, and increase the availability of quality products worldwide.

Locations

Headquartered in Amsterdam, we are a global organisation. We have offices in India, China, Nigeria and the U.S., as well as representative agents in over 40 countries.

From the Netherlands, we supply essential medicines directly available from stock. We also facilitate direct, fast, and affordable shipments from other strategically located hubs to provide access to medicines and medical supplies around the world.

Our strong international presence gives us an excellent understanding of local markets; to best match your needs with quality guaranteed products and services.

People

Our people come from all over the world, from diverse educational and professional backgrounds. Our team is bound by passion for our mission; to improve access to and deliver high-quality essential medicines and medical supplies at the lowest possible price to low and medium income countries. Representing 25 nationalities, our regional teams can often serve customers in their native language and are dedicated to finding procurement and supply chain solutions to ensure the road from supplier to patient is as efficient and reliable as possible.
Medical Devices and Supplies

High quality medical devices and supplies are essential for the effective prevention, diagnosis and treatment of disease, yet the majority of the world’s population is denied adequate access.

IDA Foundation is committed to improving the availability, accessibility, appropriateness and affordability of medical devices, as defined in the agenda set by the World Health Organization’s Global Forum on Medical Devices (Thailand, 2010).

We are the world’s leading not-for-profit supplier of affordable essential medical products. Health professionals around the world rely on us to provide quality assured products, and excellent service at an affordable price.

Surgical Instruments

Manual surgical instruments are devices specifically designed to perform particular actions during a surgical operation, including dissecting, grasping, holding, retracting, and suturing. Quality surgical instruments are essential for the performance of safe and effective procedures.

Surgical interventions can be the most viable and cost effective and means to save lives and avert disability, yet according to the World Health Organization (WHO), lack of access to high quality surgical care remains a significant problem in many parts of the world.

IDA Foundation is committed to providing quality medical devices and supplies that are safe, reliable and affordable. We seek to increase access to essential medical products, and ultimately improve the quality and safety of health care services.

Quality

Our quality system is built on over 40 years of experience as the world’s leading not-for-profit supplier of affordable essential medical products.

Spanning the entire supply chain, our quality system includes a comprehensive risk assessment based on the CE risk classification, product dossier, past performance and safety and efficacy of the product. Our manufacturers maintain valid ISO 13485, and/or specific ISO requirements.

Our products carry a Certificate of Conformity that guarantees a minimum set of regulatory, technical and safety requirements. The certificate also specifies product standard and validity period.

IDA holds the following quality certificates

GDP/GMP certified

To ensure that we can quickly and effectively respond to your needs, we maintain a comprehensive stock of quality lines in The Netherlands, so we can ship to where you need in a short time frame.

We have developed an extensive quality assurance system that guarantees we deliver the required standard and we constantly evaluate and update our product lines to meet your requirements.

The IDA Assortment consists of stainless steel instruments designed according to international standards. The surgical instruments we provide are CE certified, autoclavable and comply with ISO 7243-1-200.

Some examples of surgical instrument categories are:

- Surgical scissors
- Needle holders
- Forceps
- Surgical blades (+handle)
- Specula
- Wound spreaders

The type of used stainless steel is according the AISI (American Iron and Steel Institute) 300 and 400 series.

Stainless steel type AISI 304

This type of material is used for instruments or components that do not need to be hardened, such as speculums, retractor blades, hollow handles, hospital hollow wares, nuts, screws and pins.

Stainless steel type AISI 410

Material can be used wherever strength and temper are required. This type of material is used for non-cutting instruments, like hemostats, assorted forceps and retractors.

Stainless steel type AISI 420 & 440

This type of material is most commonly for cutting instruments such as scissors, knives and bone cutters.

According to the type of instrument and how it is used the instrument get a heat treatment to give the required elasticity or hardness. The instruments have poised mirror finish to prevent rusting.

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