



LÄÄKELAITOS
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NATIONAL AGENCY
FOR MEDICINES

Our Mission: Safety of Medicines and Medical Devices

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Each and every one of us has some involvement with medicines and medical devices.

We deal with our minor complaints by using over-the-counter medicines and our more complicated symptoms by taking medicines prescribed by the physician. In addition to healthcare units, medical devices are used, among others, by dentists, opticians and laboratories.

Laboratories, healthcare centres and other care units use modern methods to enhance the quality of the research, diagnoses and treatment they offer.

Healthcare professionals are able to treat their patients with medicines and appropriate up-to-date devices. New alternatives are constantly being developed by international research and healthcare industry.

For the safety of the population, it is important that every single medicine or device on the market is subject to regulation by the authorities.

NAM promotes the health and safety of the citizens by regulatory control of medicines, medical devices and blood products.





The National Agency for Medicines is a trusted and effective regulatory authority and a valued expert.

Acting in a wide range

The responsibilities of NAM encompass the entire life cycle of a medicinal product, all the way from the research laboratories and clinical trials.

NAM keeps an eye on the production, distribution and appropriateness of marketing. In addition, it monitors consumption and adverse drug reactions.

Following an evaluation of the efficacy, safety and quality, marketing authorisations for medicinal products in Finland are granted by NAM. The agency also takes part in the European marketing authorisation procedures.

NAM regulates the production of medical devices in Finland and monitors the safety of imported medical devices.

The scope of regulation extends all the way from research devices used by professionals to products used in the treatment of patients, such as endoprostheses, hearing aids, pacemakers and mobility aids.

Only medical devices that fulfil the requirements are authorised for use in Finland. Before a product is permitted to be marketed or sold, the manufacturer must be able to prove its safety and efficacy.

To promote the safety of medicines and medical devices, NAM

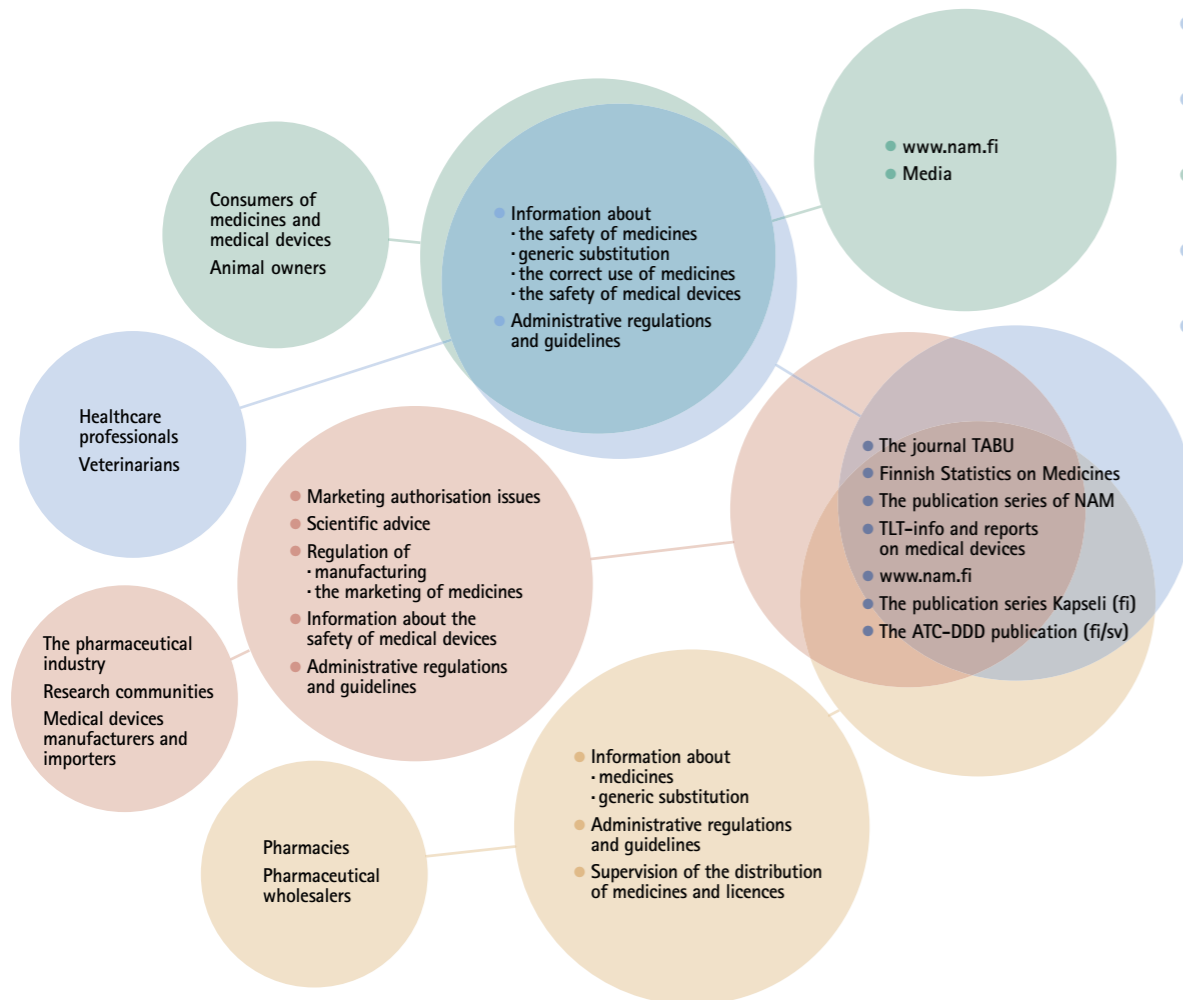
- regulates research and manufacturing in the sector
- grants marketing authorisations
- provides information about medicines and medical devices
- monitors compliance with regulations and maintains product records
- evaluates the appropriateness of marketing
- monitors the safety of products on the market
- publishes safety information concerning medicines and medical devices



Providing independent information

NAM is responsible for providing independent and up-to-date information for healthcare professionals and consumers on medicines and medical devices.

NAM has expert staff who are keen to enhance their skills and committed to their responsibilities.



International expert

A part of the day-to-day work of NAM is done at the European Medicines Agency (EMA). Finnish expertise is also relied upon by a number of sub-committees and working groups of the European Commission and the Council of Europe.

In its international collaboration, NAM focuses on paediatric and biological medicinal products.

Changes taking place in this sector pose challenges in the area of medicines, medical devices and their combinations developed with the assistance of biosciences and regulated by joint EU procedures.

The National Agency for Medicines is expected to have the expertise and preparedness required to participate in the European pharmaceutical safety procedures and associated communication.

NAM aims to be the preferred partner of other EU Member States in the scientific evaluation and regulation of paediatric and biological medicinal products.



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