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Medical Devices Authority to be functional from June

PUTRAJAYA: The Medical Devices Authority (MDA) is set to function next month, [Health Minister Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai](#) said Monday.

He said the authority would be headed by a chief executive officer.

"All existing staff in the ministry's medical device control division will be offered the option of joining the authority.

"A board of directors will also be established with the Health director-general as the chairman," he said.

Liow said the Medical Devices Act, which was gazetted on March 15, would come into force in October.

He said the act would, among others, require all medical devices in the country be registered with the authority.

This is to ensure healthcare providers use only quality equipment to treat patients.

Medical devices, including imported ones, will also have to be registered so that they are protected under the country's patent rights.

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