

410. Life time of medical equipment: The normal life of medical equipment will differ from item to item. The duration for which an equipment can be used without any repair or with only minor repair, is considered to be the normal life. The normal life of different machines is suggested as below:

Sr.No	Name	Normal Life in Years
1.	ECG. Machine	3
2.	Cardiac Pace maker	3
3.	Cardiac Monitor	5
4.	Other Electronic Equipment	5
5.	Laparoscope	5
6.	Bronchoscope	5
7.	Laryngoscope	5
8.	Operating Microscope	5
9.	Ambulance	5
10.	Sterilisers	10
11.	X-ray Machines	10
12.	Portable X-ray machine	10

The sophisticated equipment generally do not work efficiently after repairs. Rapid advances in Medical Equipment are taking place and so the old models are to be replaced by the new ones, usually after a period of 3-5 Years.

Servicing of sophisticated medical equipment should be done by manufacturing firms or by the reputed servicing agencies on the basis of service contract and spare parts may also be purchased according to the advice of the firm at the time when equipment is purchased. A history card for costly medical equipment should be maintained as per Annexure VI to this Chapter. A log book for repair of medical equipment should also be maintained as given in Annexure VII to this chapter.

(Bd.'s No. 84/H/27/34 dt. 26/02/86)