

**124 Medical Equipments Exempted From GST - Dr Subramaniam**  
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PUTRAJAYA, April 3 (Bernama) -- A total of 124 types of medical equipments purchased by hospitals or clinics are exempted from the goods and services tax (GST), following the Health Ministry's intervention.

Its Minister Datuk Seri Dr S. Subramaniam said he hoped that the exemption would assist private healthcare facilities to reduce costs in providing its services.

"Previously all of the medical equipments were subjected to the GST but through the ministry's intervention, some of them are exempted from the GST," he said at a press conference here today.

He said for medicines, the ministry had successfully expanded from 2,900 to 4,215 brands of medicines which were exempted from the GST.

Dr Subramaniam hoped that the additional proposal of the list of medical equipment and medicines to be exempted from GST, that had been submitted to the Finance Ministry, would be taken into account for the benefit of the people.

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