Russia

Just in two words, CE/HTM in its international meaning is not known in Russia and is not viewed as a logical sequence of integrated events. Various parts of the HTM cycle are separated and being dealt with by different actors separately. Most of the available “HTM” materials (in Russian) are about maintenance and repair only.

In recent years, the regulatory mechanisms have been well developed and established in Russia. Also, biomedical engineering education (both under- and post-graduate) is rather good and sophisticated. HTA is also being developed in recent years but has a still long way to go to become a part of decision-making. Needs assessment and selection is ad hoc and opportunistic. As far as maintenance and repair is concerned there are practically no in-house CE departments, and this function (post-guarantee) is outsourced to private companies. The inventory in most of facilities outside Moscow and St Petersburg is obsolete and large part of it (around 40 %) is not used due to various reasons.

In 2003, I have co-authored with Martin Raab and Farit Kadyrov (economist) a manual (in Russian) on HTM – Strategy and Economics of Equipping Health Services (the cover and foreword in English attached). It is being read and referred to but unfortunately not widely implemented.

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