
Global Value Chain measurement

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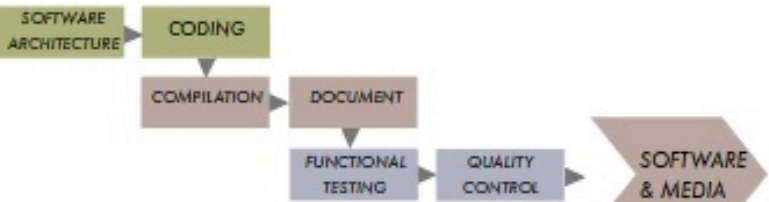
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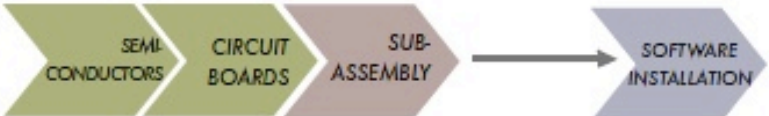
SOFTWARE



SERVICES



HARDWARE



ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS

EQUIPMENT REPAIR

INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS

TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROVIDERS

INSTRUMENTS MANUFACTURING

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The Textile Value Chain

TOP 5 COMPANIES IN NC

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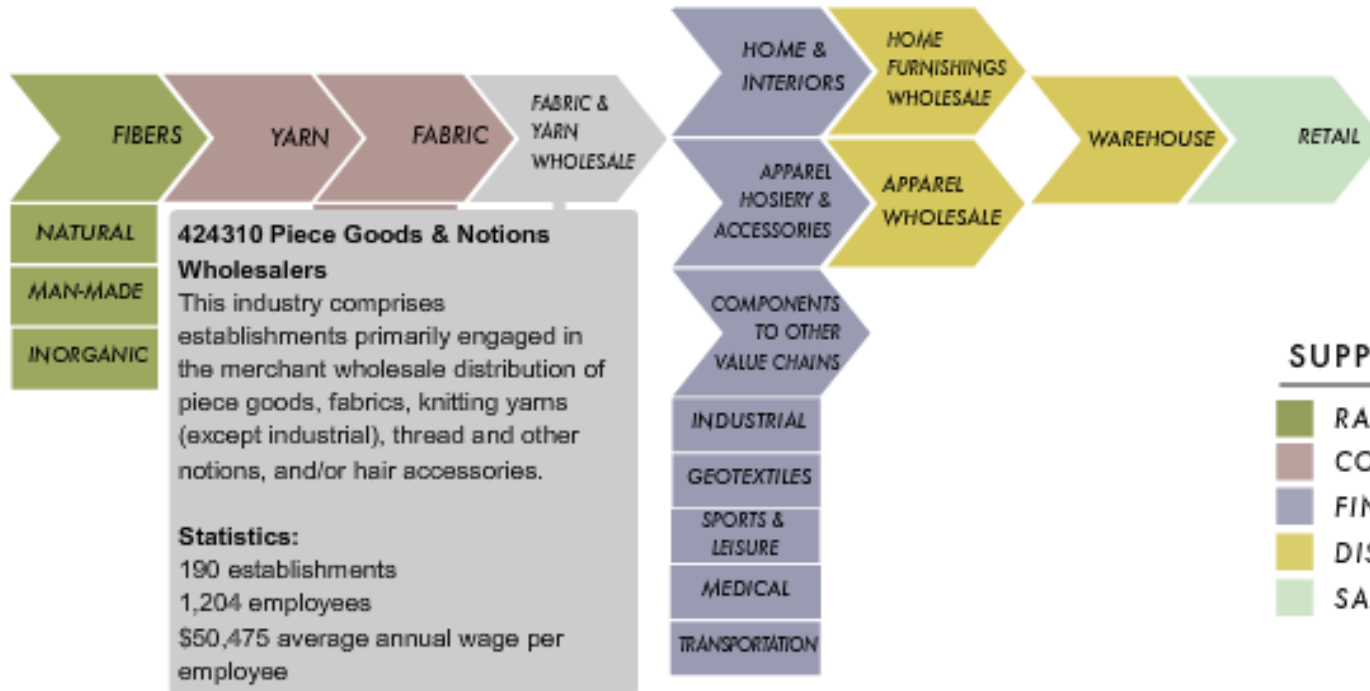
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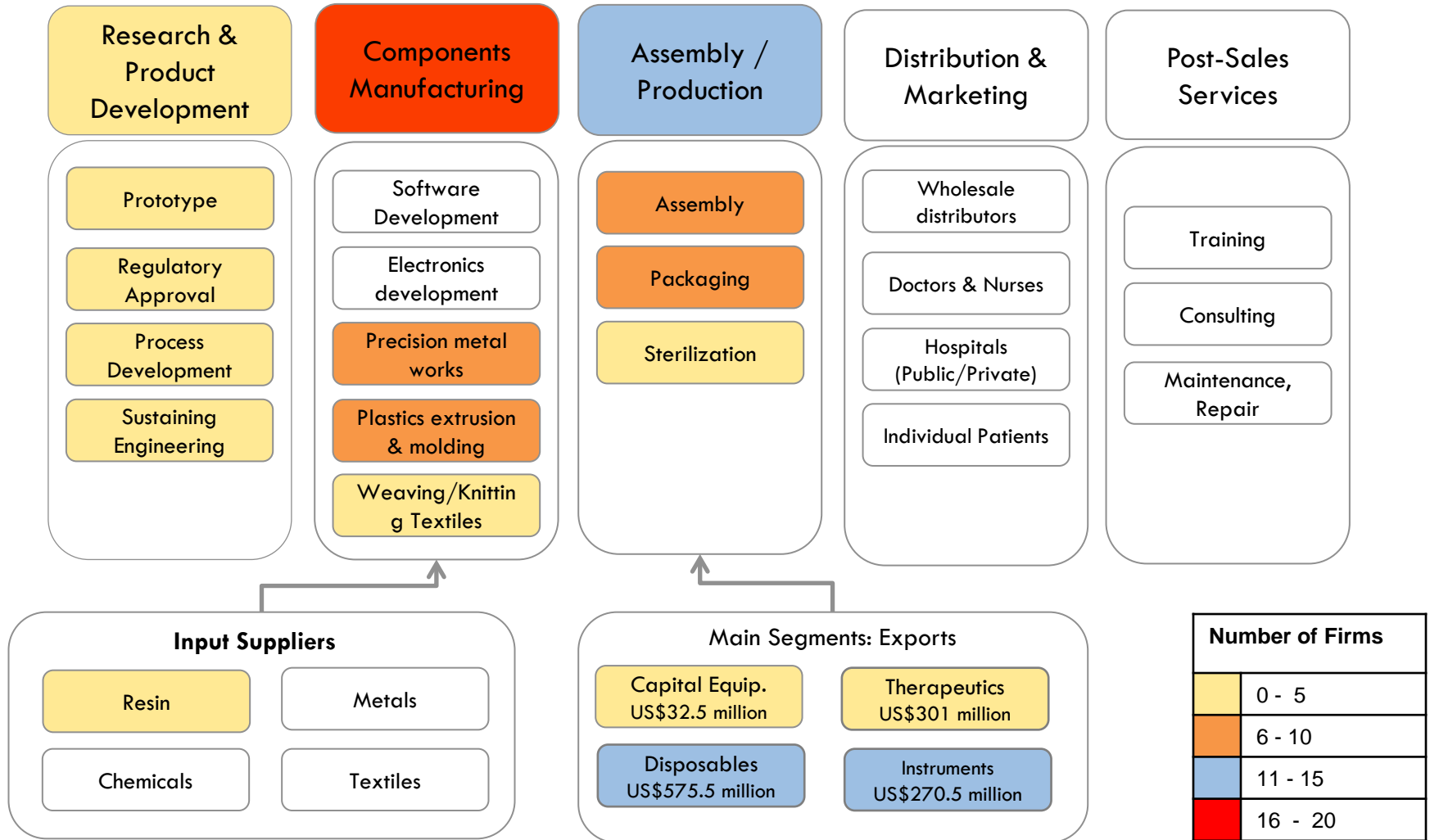
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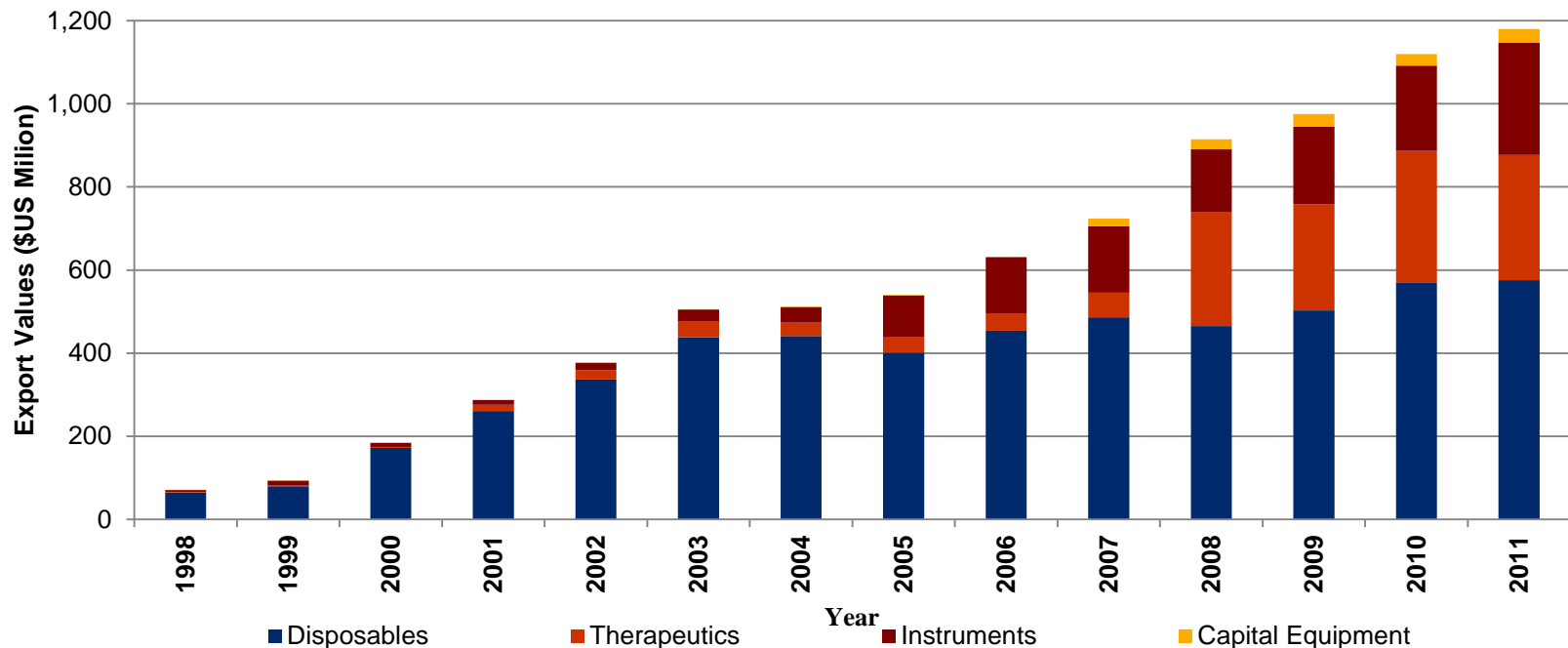
COSTA RICA IN THE MEDICAL DEVICES GVC



Local firms are mainly in packaging & support services (12 of 19) versus 4 in limited role in plastics molding & metal finishing and 1 OEM with exports under \$2 million.

EVOLUTION OF COSTA RICAN MEDICAL DEVICE EXPORTS

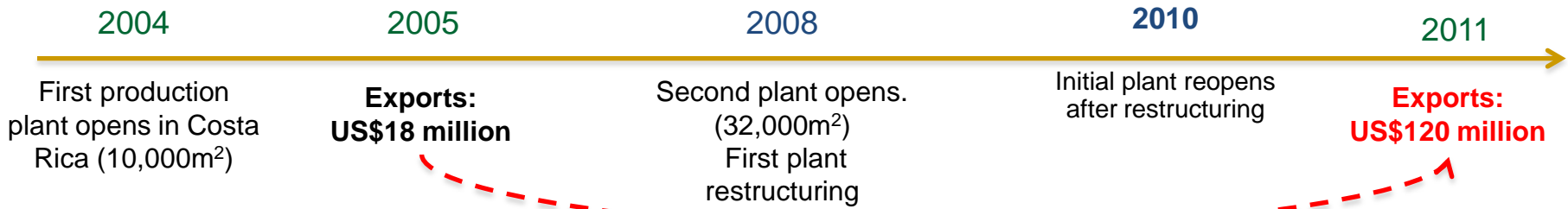
Costa Rica's Medical Exports by Product Category: 1998-2011



- **Disposables** still the largest product category exported, but no longer a strong growth area.
- Exports in **surgical instruments** have grown steadily since 2005.
- **Therapeutics** has become 2nd largest category since 2008; likely to increase as newly established firms complete transfer of new product lines.
- Limited export of highest value **capital equipment** (eg. Electronic/software devices)

Firms in Costa Rica Medical Devices Sector

Entry Year	Firm Characteristics	Main Product Export Category	Core Market Segments	Product Examples	Select Firms
Up to 2000 24 firms: 8 US 15 CR 1 German	4 OEMs 8 Components 1 Input distributor 7 Packaging 1 Finishing 3 Support services	Disposables	Drug delivery; Women's health	Intravenous tubing (I) Mastectomy bra (I)	Hospira; Baxter; Amoena; Corbel
2001–2004 13 firms: 9 US 3 CR 1 Colombian	3 OEMs 6 Components 1 Finishing 1 Logistics provider 2 Support services	Instruments	Endoscopic surgery	Biopsy forceps (II)	Arthrocare; Boston Scientific; Ober Industries
2005–2008 8 firms: 7 US 1 Puerto Rico	2 OEM 4 Components 1 Packaging 1 Finishing	Therapeutics	Cosmetic surgery; Women's health & urology	Breast implants (III) Minimally invasive devices for uterine surgery (II)	Allergan; Tegra Medical; Specialty Coating Systems
2009–2012 21 firms: 16 US 1 CR 1 Ireland 1 Japan 2 Joint ventures (US-CR)	5 OEMs 7 Components 2 Non-OEM assemblers 1 Input Distributor 2 Sterilization 2 Packaging	Therapeutics Disposables Instruments	Cardiovascular Drug delivery	Heart valves (III) Dialysis catheters (III) Guide wires (III) Compression socks (I)	Abbott Vascular St. Jude Medical Covidien Moog Synergy Health Volcano Corp.



Functional Upgrading

- 2004: Manufacturing functions
- 2012: Engineering for process improvements → Focused on cardiology segment; strategy – to alleviate R&D costs in the US.

Product & Process Upgrading

- Biopsy forceps → Labor intensive, basic metal works & extrusion.
- Urethral stent → Thermoforming, laser marking, coating capabilities.
- Guide Wires → Sophisticated Laser cutting & welding.
- Today – CR facilities cover 42 manufacturing processes.

Market Diversification

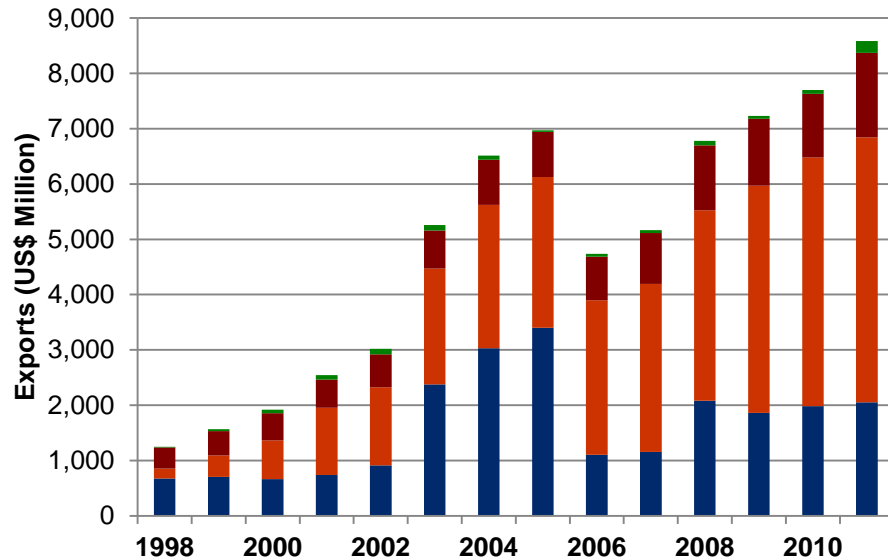
- Gastroenterology segment → Urology → Cardiovascular

Forward Linkages

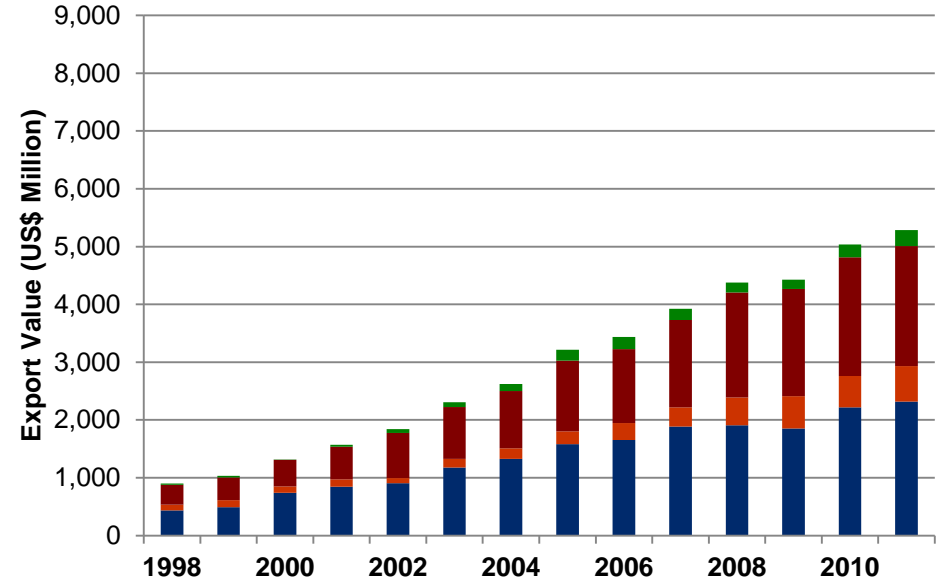
- Recent co-location of **sterilization** vendors will allow the firm to export directly to global distribution centers

IRELAND AND MEXICO: MEDICAL DEVICE EXPORTS 1998-2011

IRELAND



MEXICO

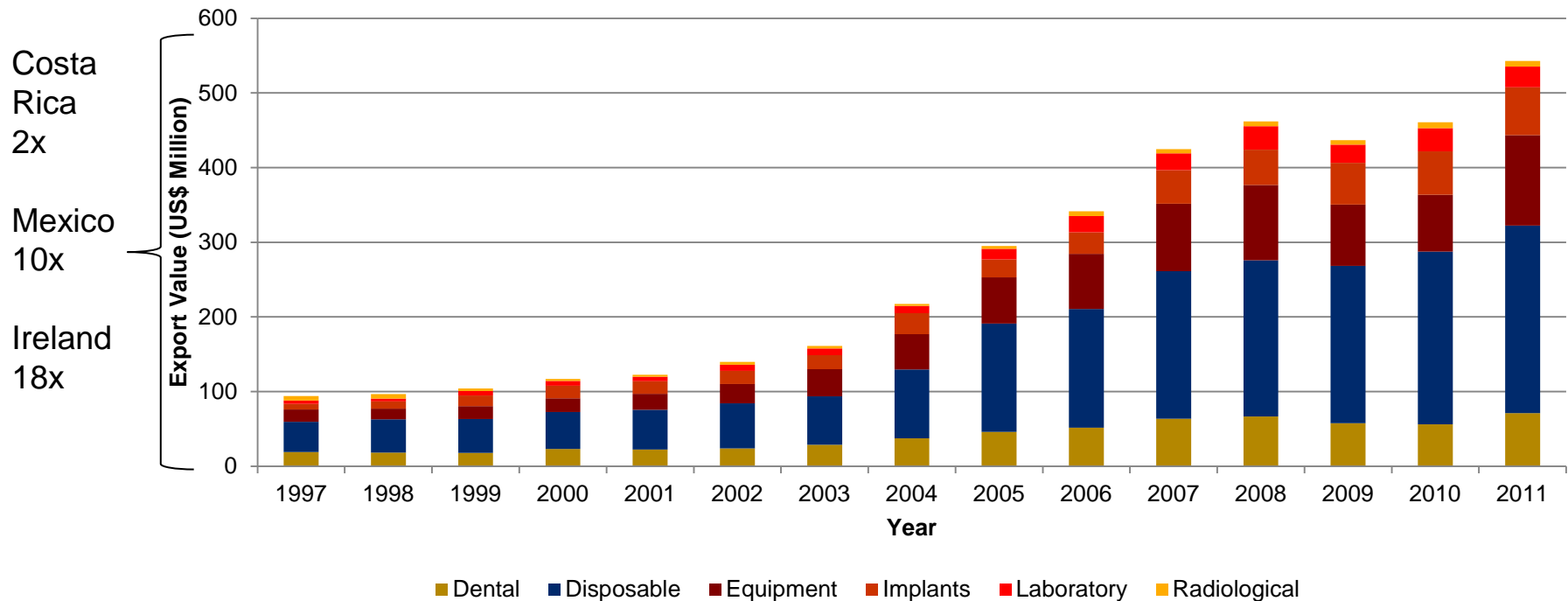


- Most mature of the three locations
- 2005 shock forced upgrading strategy
- Significant growth in **therapeutics** & entry into **capital equipment** production

- Stabilizing **disposables** exports
- Strong focus in **instruments**
- Growing gains in **capital equipment** → participation in electronics value chains

EVOLUTION OF BRAZILIAN MEDICAL DEVICE EXPORTS

Brazils Medical Device Exports by Product Category, 1997-2011



- **Disposables** are both the largest product category exported and an area of growing exports.
- **Medical equipment** surpassed **dental products** as the second largest export category in 2002.
- Export statistics hide the sectors of greatest importance, since the main export items tend to be low-tech. Brazilian government and private sector actors are working to promote price-competitive, mid-tech exports.

Brazil's Position in the Medical Devices GVC

