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Alcohol hand rub consumption objectives in European hospitals need to be revisited

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Abstract :

The PROHIBIT study reports that 21ml / Patient Day , which correspond to 7 alcohol hand rubs /PD, was recorded in average at the hospital level in Europe. The AHR consumption in our infectious disease ward is 7.48 fold the European mean. With the aid of an automatic continuous RFID based hand hygiene monitoring system Medihandtrace® we registered in the same time a 22.6% AHR compliance of the WHO moment 1. This suggests that the mean reported ARH consumption in Europe reflects a still very low ARH compliance, far from the WHO objectives.

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