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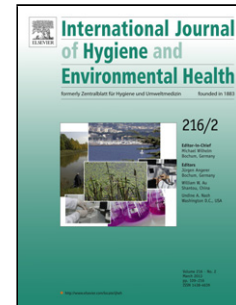
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Environmental conditions in health care facilities in low- and middle-income countries: coverage and inequalities

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Highlights

- Produced estimates of environmental conditions in health care facilities (HCFs)
- 50% of HCFs lack piped water, 33% lack improved toilets, 39% lack handwashing soap
- 39% of HCFs lack adequate infectious waste disposal and 59% lack reliable electricity
- 2% of HCFs provide all four water, sanitation, hygiene, and waste management services
- Inequalities by urban-rural, managing authority, facility type, administrative unit

Abstract

Safe environmental conditions and the availability of standard precaution items are important to prevent and treat infection in health care facilities (HCFs) and to achieve Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) targets for health and water, sanitation, and hygiene. Baseline coverage estimates for HCFs have

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