Key indicators

Point prevalence survey of healthcare-associated infections and antimicrobial use in acute care hospitals



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Number of hospitals	47
Standard protocol	45
`Light' protocol	2
Number of patients	10533

	Min.	25 th percentile	EU/EEA country median	75 th percentile	Max.	Country				
Healthcare-associated infections (HAIs) and antimicrobial resistance (AMR) indicators										
HAI prevalence* (% patients with HAI)	3.0	5.1	6.8	8.2	13.8	6.8				
Composite index** of AMR (% antimicrobial-resistant isolates)	7.9	15.4	21.8	38.2	68.7	36.8				
Infection prevention and control (IPC) and diagnostic stewardship indicators										
IPC nurses (full-time equivalents (FTEs) per 250 beds)	0.28	0.98	1.25	1.54	3.28	0.28				
Beds with alcohol-based handrub dispenser at point of care (% beds)	18.5	43.4	49.2	69.7	100	33.2				
Beds in single rooms (% beds)	3.2	7.1	15.8	35.2	56.5	7.8				
Blood culture sets (number per 1000 patient-days)	12.4	28.0	44.7	68.9	167.1	24.4				
Antimicrobial use (AU) and ant	imicrob	ial stew	ardship	indicat	ors					

AU prevalence (% patients with AU)	20.8	29.7	36.0	43.8	56.5	34.8
Duration of surgical prophylaxis >1 day (% of antimicrobials for surgical prophylaxis)	15.8	31.2	38.1	60.1	79.8	57.3
Antimicrobials reviewed and changed during treatment (%)	6.2	13.9	19.5	24.1	31.3	12.5

*HAI prevalence should be interpreted with caution, as it depends on patient mix, diagnostic capacity, sensitivity of HAI case finding and country representativeness of the sample of hospitals.

**The percentage of the sum of isolates of the following resistant microorganisms divided by the sum of the isolates for which results from antimicrobial susceptibility testing were reported: Staphylococcus aureus resistant to meticillin (MRSA), Enterococcus faecium and Enterococcus faecalis resistant to vancomycin, Enterobacterales resistant to third-generation cephalosporins, and Pseudomonas aeruginosa and Acinetobacter baumannii resistant to carbapenems.

Legend:

- Better than both EU/EEA country median and the 25th (or 75th) percentile
- Better than EU/EEA country median, but worse than the 25th (or 75th) percentile
- Worse than EU/EEA country median, but better than the 75th (or 25th) percentile
- Worse than both EU/EEA country median and the 75th (or 25th) percentile

