

Infection Prevention and Control

Alcohol-Based Hand Rub (ABHR) – Dispenser Placement Recommendations

General Considerations for ABHR Dispenser Placement:

- Adjacent to all points-of care in all situations, except where the presence of ABHR (alcohol) would compromise patient safety.
- Locations close to clinical care areas where monitoring is easy to achieve and opportunities for intentional ingestion, vandalism and theft are minimal.
- Locations where personal protective equipment is donned or doffed.
- At facility entrances and on walls immediately adjacent to the entrance to patient care areas, patient rooms, and dirty/clean supply rooms.
- Outside elevators, but limited to one dispenser along the wall adjacent to the elevators.
- Any other location where its use is required to comply with routine hand hygiene practices.

Where NOT to Place ABHR Dispensers:

- At or adjacent to hand washing sinks.
- Over or directly adjacent to an ignition source (electrical outlet or switch).
- Above carpeted areas (without drip tray).
- In or around parkades, stairwells, and connector hallways and other minimally supervised areas.

Wall-Mount ABHR Dispensers:

- Located so that splashing or dripping onto adjacent wall and floor surfaces is minimized (install drip tray where necessary).
- Located 1 m (~ 39 inches) above the floor to the base of the ABHR dispenser.
- Minimum of 1.2 m distance between each ABHR dispenser.
- Located where they are not likely to be bumped into by stretchers, wheel chairs, or people.

