HOW WELL ARE WE DOING?
A CHECK-UP OF PHYSICIAN-PHARMACIST COLLABORATION IN HOSPITAL SETTINGS

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OBJECTIVE
To identify and compare physician and pharmacist perceptions concerning mutual collaboration in hospital settings

COLLABORATION QUALITY & INTEREST

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<th>Role</th>
<th>14/18 Medical Directors</th>
<th>16/16 Chief-Pharmacists</th>
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<td>Collaboration rate</td>
<td>78% (1 month)</td>
<td>100% (occasional meetings)</td>
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79% physicians agreed current human relations with pharmacists are good
91% physicians agreed with wanting to collaborate with pharmacists

PHYSICIANS’ FREQUENCY OF INTERACTION WITH A PHARMACIST

Perceived by physicians:
- 45% physicians see a pharmacist occasionally (about 1x/month)
- 7% physicians see a pharmacist often (about 1x/week)

BUT
- 90% Physicians consider occasional meetings with pharmacists to be important
- 85% Physicians find increased pharmacist presence on wards to be important

Discussion & Conclusion
This study highlights the need to improve physician-pharmacist collaboration in Swiss hospital setting.
Participation rates illustrate current collaboration; pharmacists being more concerned and implicated than physicians.
Physicians highly value knowing and seeing regularly their colleagues, but about half physicians reported rarely seeing hospital pharmacists.
Participants’ perception of pharmacist presence during ward rounds are positive and very closely matched.

DO PHYSICIANS CONTACT THE PHARMACY WHEN THEY HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT A DRUG?

Physicians find it important to know the people they work with
Physicians can identify the pharmacist(s) that work in the same hospital
Physicians need more information about pharmacists to collaborate
Physicians personally know the pharmacist(s) that work in the same hospital
Physicians have a good knowledge of pharmacists’ activities
Physicians have trouble identifying the pharmacist and mistake him with others

KNOWLEDGE OF PHARMACISTS & THEIR ACTIVITIES

Pharmacists report even more prominent issues than physicians!