Ensuring Quality Hand Sanitizer Production During COVID-19 Seminar

Why Quality Hand Sanitizer Matters

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Hand sanitizer quality concerns have global impact

Globally, over 200 alcohol-based hand sanitizer quality incidents were reported in 2020.
Quality risks can lead to patient harm & death

**Quality issue**

Between June 2020 - January 23, 2021, the FDA placed

220 hand sanitizer products on a Do Not Use List

Some products tested positive for methanol contamination while some contained sub-potent levels of key ingredients

**Public health impact**

During May and June 2020,

15 people in Arizona and New Mexico were hospitalized after ingesting hand sanitizer containing methanol.

3 of those were left with visual impairments

4 of those died as a result

Proper labeling & packaging can mitigate risk
Safe storage & transportation must be prioritized
Today’s Event

- The global and regional quality risks and solutions for alcohol-based hand sanitizer:
  - Production (including its ingredients such as alcohol)
  - Labeling
  - Packaging
  - Transportation
  - Storage

- Approaches to help ensure public understanding of the safe use of hand sanitizer for infection prevention.
Thank You

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