

Alcohol and injury – A pilot to a Swiss emergency room study

Summary

Background: Injuries account for a large share of alcohol related disease burden. However, data are still sparse on the exact link and most injury categories except drinking & driving. Emergency room (ER) studies may help fill this gap.

Workplan: Translation and validation of a WHO instrument to assess alcohol involvement in injuries.

Significance/Impact: This pilot study will facilitate conduct of a larger ER study in Switzerland, yielding results comparable with ER studies in 10 other countries in the world. In addition, it will be a first step in developing an ER specific intervention concept to reduce the injury burden attributable to alcohol in Switzerland.