

Connect Care Cleaning and Disinfecting of Mobile Electronic Devices Information Sheet

Note: For more information, refer to the IPC Best Practice Guideline for [Bedside Computers and Electronic Devices](#) and the [Steps for Disinfecting Telehealth Equipment and Peripheral Devices Poster](#).
If you have any questions or comments regarding this Information Sheet please contact IPC at infectionpreventioncontrol@albertahealthservices.ca.

Mobile electronic devices may include: workstations on wheels (WOW), rovers, tablets, laptops, pagers, phones or personal digital assistants

Hand hygiene is the most important factor in preventing transmission of microorganisms



- Disinfect all devices before the first use in your shift
- Disinfect when returning a device to a charging station or storage area
- Disinfect all devices when visibly soiled and as outlined in table below
- Replace electronics when grossly contaminated e.g., saturated with blood or body fluids or cleaning doesn't remove visible soil

Note: High touch means those surfaces that have frequent contact with hands

Mobile Electronic Device	Additional Cleaning	Disinfectant Products
Laptops, scanners (including rovers), signature pads, tablets	Between patients	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow manufacturer's instructions for use (MIFU) • Examples of products that may be indicated in the MIFU: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alcohol swabs and wipes • Combination products such as alcohol/quaternary ammonium e.g., CaviWipes® • Hydrogen peroxide products such as accelerated hydrogen peroxide (AHP) products e.g., Virox RTU®, Accel®, Oxivir®, Percept Wipe®
Workstation on Wheels (WOW)	Between patients if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -WOW is used within 2 meters of the patient <i>or</i> -WOW is used with contaminated hands (e.g., during a care process) 	